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Freak accident at the Naval Yard



These two pictures were taken shortly after the freak accident in Murray Road yesterday afternoon. That at top shows the lorry as it came to rest, after having knocked down some 20 feet of the wall surrounding the Dockyard. Below is a close-up of the wrecked driver's cab on the lorry. — ("China Mail" Photos).

Lorry's mad dash down Garden Road

One of the most unusual traffic accidents ever recorded in Hong Kong occurred yesterday afternoon when a heavy lorry dashed down Garden Road out of control, crossed the tram tracks and crashed its way through the Naval Dockyard wall, Murray Road, killing a British sergeant.

The sergeant, who was on a motor cycle, was killed instantly. A Chinese seated by the lorry driver died in hospital last night, while the driver of the vehicle (a HK Electric Co. lorry) is not expected to live.

The name of the sergeant, attached to the Signal Corps, was withheld by the Army authorities pending notification of next of kin.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) a weakening trough of low pressure extends ENEwards from the Luzon Strait across the Pacific to the South of Japan. To the North of this trough a belt of high pressure extends from North China to the North of Japan.

Today's Forecast: Moderate or fresh E or NE winds. Cloudy with patches of drizzle at first, improving with fair periods in the afternoon.

The condition of the Chinese lorry driver up to a late hour last night was reported to be critical.

There were some 25 men in the lorry, 19 of whom were injured. The truck also carried electrical materials. It was returning from a job.

Shortly after 4.30 p.m., the truck was seen to be coming down Garden Road towards the tramline. Suddenly it went out of control, and proceeded on as breakneck speed.

After reaching the tramline, the truck swerved towards the wall enclosing the Naval Dockyard, in Murray Road. In its path was the Army sergeant on his Service motor cycle coming out of Murray Road. The truck caught him and, crashed into the wall.

The force of the impact sent the truck, the cycle and its rider right through the concrete wall. Masonry fell in all directions and a small cloud of dust hung over the scene.

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NATIONALISTS TRY TO FOIL ASSAULT ON CHUSANS

Communists' invasion fleet under attack

VITAL ENGAGEMENT OPENS

Nationalist war planes and ships, taking advantage of the first clear weather in weeks, yesterday launched a furious bombardment against the Communist invasion fleet assembled South of Shanghai for an attack on the Chusan islands.

Reports from Taiwan received in Hong Kong said an endless procession of bombers and fighters began to take off from Taiping field and other military airports yesterday morning to attack the Communist fleet in Hangchow Bay.

The reports said a Communist attack on the Chusans, Nationalist air and sea base for the blockade of Shanghai and vital outpost protecting Shanghai, is expected to start within a week. The attack must come in early May before the monsoon season, which starts in the middle of May, observers said. The Chusans are 350 miles North of Taiwan and 90 miles South of Shanghai.

From their bases in the islands the Nationalists kept the Yangtze River outlet from Shanghai tightly blocked. The Communists must crack loose the blockade before they can use Shanghai as a major base for the invasion of Taiwan.

Recent reports said the Communists have assembled large invasion fleets on the inland waters around Shanghai and upriver on the Yangtze in preparation for the Taiwan invasion. One report, completely unconfirmed, indicated that the first stages of the invasion of the Chusan may have started. Official Nationalist sources in Taiwan declined to comment.

Reports on the Hangchow Bay fighting said Nationalist warships cruised close to shore and engaged in duels with Communist shore batteries while planes bombed and strafed junks and other vessels dispersed around the shore.

In South West China, the Communists are reported to be rushing repairs on the 400-mile highway from Canton to the Indo-China border so that more assistance might be given the Communist-led guerrillas fighting the French in the Indo-Chinese war. These reports said large numbers of troops and labourers have been mobilised for the work. They are said to be repairing roads and bridges under the direction of Soviet engineers.

The coming battle for Chusan Island, 100 miles South East of Shanghai, will probably give a good indication of what the Nationalists might have to face when the Reds attack Taiwan.

It might answer such questions as (1) the size and strength of the Chinese Communist air force which the Nationalists allege the Russians have supplied the Reds, and (2) what type of assault craft the Reds have.

Experts in Taipei say that unless the Reds invade Taiwan by the end of September at the very latest, they will not be able to do so until next spring.

Weather conditions at sea, they assert, would rule out all possibility of an attack from October through February.

Taiwan is recovering from the shock caused by the events in Hainan.

Yulin's fate

Reports from that South China island are meagre but give the impression that the Nationalists still hold the South coast port of Yulin and are presumably making every effort to withdraw as many troops as possible from there.

Air headquarters last night spoke of action by Hainan-based Nationalist warplanes in an ill-fated claim that the aircraft at Sunya (Samah) near Yulin is still operable.

One newspaper in Taipei asserts that the Nationalist commander of Hainan, General Hsueh Yueh, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Navy, Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, are still at Yulin, but whether this is fact or simply speculation is difficult to tell.

Many Nationalist troops are reported to have taken to the mountains in the interior of Hainan.

Taiwan invasion

According to Associated Press from Taipei, the Communist invasion of Taiwan is expected some time this summer. The assault, it is generally believed there, will be delivered in July.

Red batteries fire on Moller's tug

Chinese Communist garrison troops at Fort Bayard fired at least 15 three-inch shells at the British tug, Alicia Moller, on Wednesday, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The Alicia Moller, which was under charter to former Lieutenant-Commander Gordon Ross of the U.S. Navy, was attempting to enter the port to enable Mr. Ross to take over his U.S.\$20,000 American yacht Volador which the Fort Bayard authorities have commandeered.

On February 13, after the Volador exhausted its fuel supply in heavy weather while en route from Manila to Hong Kong, the Volador inadvertently put in to the Communist port.

Mr. Ross, who later explained that his marine maps showed that Fort Bayard was a French concession, was interned by the Communist Fort Bayard authorities along with his crew of 11 and his 11-year-old son, William.

Last week they were released from a Canton jail, and entered Hong Kong via the New Territories border.

Mr. Ross, who previously reported that the Communist authorities were willing to have him call at Fort Bayard for his yacht, now intends to contact Canton for assurances that he will be permitted to enter Fort Bayard before he attempts to gain control of his yacht once again.

It was reliably reported that when the tug was about a mile and a half from the port shore batteries opened fire.

Some of the shells came within 10 to 15 feet of the tug. The Alicia Moller immediately changed course, and began zig-zagging to avoid the shells.

Second attempt

As soon as Mr. Ross arranged his ship into Fort Bayard with the Communist authorities, he intends to make a second attempt.

It is expected that a Moller tug will be used for the trip.

Two members of the Volador crew accompanied Mr. Ross on the Alicia Moller. They are Salvador Dagadon of San Francisco and Francisco Zilve of Manila.

Seven former members of the Volador crew are at present in the Chinese prison at Kowloon. The Immigration Office has retained the names of these men, said yesterday.

Some of the crew were to the United States for funds yesterday.

Kwangtung Governor on world war fear

General Yeh Chien-ying, Governor of Kwangtung, told a Canton People's Representative Assembly yesterday that the possibility of a third world war cannot be ruled out.

He warned the people to be alert to the intrigues of the American Imperialists. No one can say there will not be a third world war, he added.

General Yeh said that on the side of the Soviet Union the democratic forces of peace are more powerful than American Imperialism.

He said that if American Imperialists dare to test the strength of the democratic forces of peace, they will be crushed. He added that America dare not make any unwise moves.

He said that many fear Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would return to the mainland. They should rest assured that this is an impossibility, he added.

He said that with 5,000,000 troops Chiang had been driven from the mainland to an island; to think that he will ever return is just a dream.

New restrictions on influx of Chinese into HK

All exemptions provided for Chinese subjects (of Chinese race) entering and leaving Hong Kong by land, sea and air by the Immigration Control Regulations were completely withdrawn by the Governor-in-Council yesterday.

Previous to this new order, Chinese subjects entering and leaving Hong Kong by way of the mainland were exempted from the restrictions which applied only in respect to those travelling between Hong Kong, Hainan, Taiwan and Macao.

The new order is aimed at controlling the influx of Chinese subjects from across the New Territories border. The New Territories authorities have already made preparations for restricting travellers from across the border.

Wire fencing along border

The Public Relations Officer said yesterday that a report of the effect that the authorities have begun erecting wire fencing along the border is not actually correct.

He added that it is true, however, that such a fence is under consideration, as an immigration control measure.

The popular independent vernacular "New Life Evening News" yesterday published two photographs showing wire fencing already erected at certain parts of the frontier.

Pilots see "flying saucer"

Chicago, April 28. A Transworld Airlines pilot tonight reported seeing a "round mass" which "glowed a dull red like hot steel" as it cruised about half a mile from his Chicago-bound plane.

"I used to laugh at all those flying saucer reports but it's no laughing matter now," declared Captain Robert Adickes. "I saw one."

Adickes said that the object, 20 to 30 feet in diameter, overtook his plane bound from Washington to Chicago near South Bend, Indiana.

It cruised along a parallel course for eight minutes, Adickes said. The plane was at 2,000 feet.

Adickes said he turned North in an attempt to get closer. "It picked up speed—300 to 400 miles an hour—and ran out of sight right over South Bend," the pilot related.

First Officer Robert Manning confirmed Adickes' account.

Adickes said about half of the 10 passengers aboard also saw the object.—Associated Press.

Vital battle

If the Nationalists manage to hold Chusan against the coming Red assault, the Communist timetable for invasion of Taiwan might be upset and President Chiang Kai-shek and his generals given a breathing spell until next year.

The outcome of the brewing battle is therefore vital to Nationalist China as its leaders well realise.

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BANGKOK ROYAL WEDDING

Bangkok, April 28. King Phumiphon of Thailand today married his 17-year-old sweetheart at simple Buddhist ceremonies presided over by the 94-year-old Queen Grand-mother.

Only the immediate family witnessed the rites in the palace residence of the widow of King Chulalongkorn. After sanctified lustral water was presented by the elderly Queen to the 22-year-old King and his lovely bride, the wedding party proceeded to another hall where a court scribe read a royal proclamation making Princess Sirikit Kitiyakorn the Queen of Thailand.

The King then conferred on Queen Sirikit, the two highest special orders whose insignias contained 750 diamonds.

The young couple drove in a canary-hued Daimler to the King's palace. Later an audience will be granted by the King and Queen to highest Government officials and chiefs of foreign missions.

Proceeding the wedding, Prince Nakhar, Mongkol, Sirikit's father, asked an audience with the King who graciously granted it as well as permission that Sirikit sign her name on the special wedding register.

The wedding followed at the auspicious hour, 10.24 a.m., set by royal astrologers. Small crowds waited outside the gates of the palace and cheered the King and Queen as they drove away.—Associated Press.

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PORTUGUESE VESSEL'S ESCAPE FROM HAINAN

Reminders

Today

Fifth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
Wah Yan College, one-act plays at College Theatre, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's Girls' College, Charity Bazaar, 10 a.m. opening by Mrs. Kwok Chan.
Miss Averil Tong presents "An Evening in Cathay", Rosary Church Club, 8.30 p.m.
Czech Services Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW
The H. classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "The World Food Problem, and China" by Mr. Robert Hart, 8.45 p.m.
Art Club, sketching party to Shatin, members to meet at the Kowloon Star Ferry 10.30 a.m.

CHARITY BALL AT SKY ROOM

The dinner dance at the Sky Room Ballroom at Luna Park last night in aid of the Society for the Protection of Children was attended by more than 500 people.

Music was provided by the Sky Room Orchestra, and Miss Cheng Lu, the Luna Park entertainer, sang many songs which elicited much applause. She did particularly well in her Chinese numbers.

A special attraction of the evening was the ballet number by Miss Asia Merculova, well-known ballerina from Shanghai. She evoked cheers for the grace and beauty of her choreography. The ball was held to raise money for the SPC, which requires more than \$8,000 a month to carry on.

The Society is devoted to caring for indigent children of poor families.

GOLD SEIZURE

A large quantity of gold in bars and coins—325 taels valued at HK\$65,075—was confiscated by Mr. Hui-shing Lo at Central yesterday, as there were no claimants.

Revenue Inspector L. Millington who made the successful application for confiscation said that on information received on April 20, a party of Revenue officers boarded the ss. Hoihow which was anchored in the harbour. The vessel was searched and in one of the holds hidden among the cargo the gold was found.

GOLD IN PLANE

About 40 taels of gold, valued at about \$12,000, were discovered in the shoes of an occupant of a CAT plane from Taipei yesterday.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hainan Road Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

First quality	Average price	Second quality	Average price
Mid Grouper	\$1.65	Mid Grouper	\$1.00
Clam Fish	1.50	Clam Fish	1.00
Squid	1.50	Squid	1.00
White Pomfrit (large)	2.00	White Pomfrit (large)	1.50
White Pomfrit (small)	1.50	White Pomfrit (small)	1.00
Clam Fish (large)	1.50	Clam Fish (large)	1.00
Clam Fish (small)	1.00	Clam Fish (small)	0.50
Golden Thread	1.50	Golden Thread	1.00
Head Brunt	1.50	Head Brunt	1.00
Shrimp (small)	1.25	Shrimp (small)	0.75
Shrimp (large)	1.50	Shrimp (large)	1.00
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.50	Red Sea Bream (large)	1.00
Red Sea Bream (small)	1.00	Red Sea Bream (small)	0.50
White Herring	1.50	White Herring	1.00
Flat Fish	1.00	Flat Fish	0.50

The Communist invasion of Hainan Island freed the 696-ton Portuguese vessel, the ss. San Manuel, from her 99-day imprisonment by the Nationalists in Hoihow Harbour.

Under cover of the Communist shelling from the Liuchow Peninsula, the San Manuel, with release papers handed to the skipper, weighed anchor and made a dash as swarms of KMT barges loaded with soldiers in retreat, attempted to stop and commandeer the freighter.

The San Manuel sailed through Hainan Strait on April 22, reaching Macao two days later where she discharged her long delayed cargo of 500 tons of cement. The Portuguese vessel arrived in Hong Kong on Thursday for a full journey to Keelung.

The crew and crew, interviewed by the "China Mail" described their detention in Hoihow as being without incident save for the boarding of the freighter on January 13 by an armed party of the KMT Navy in Hoihow. They were allowed freedom of movement from ship to shore, and money and provisions were easily obtained, the skipper said.

The cause of the detention of the San Manuel was attributed by the skipper as reprisal for the Portuguese detention of several Nationalist gunboats in Macao. The skipper said that he was on his way from Hong Kong to Hainan on January 13 with a cargo of cement when, arriving at a point in Hainan Strait, he decided to drop anchor as it was unsafe to negotiate the difficult passage in the dwindling light. The San Manuel was at this time eight miles from Kaitak Point and 11 miles from Lingkow in Hainan. At 11 p.m. on the same day, a Nationalist warship, the Tai-cheng, approached and an armed party boarded the Portuguese freighter.

At Hoihow

"At first, they claimed that we had infringed their territorial waters. But when they were shown the exact position of the vessel, the KMT naval officer told the skipper that his orders were to detain the San Manuel for the seizure of the Nationalist gunboats by the Portuguese in Macao," one of the San Manuel crew told the "China Mail."

The skipper of the Portuguese freighter, Captain C. X. Miguel, was then ordered to sail in to Hoihow Harbour where the vessel was detained throughout the 99 days.

"On April 22," Captain Miguel said, "I noticed that the harbour was busy with the Nationalist Navy preparing for withdrawal. For by then, Hoihow was being completely encircled by the invading Communists who had linked up with the guerrilla forces operating on the island. The ship's cook, returning from shore, told us that the KMT troops were leaving from the city. I decided then to contact our employers, agents to negotiate our release," Captain Miguel said.

"This time every thing was successful. The Nationalist naval officer, handed the skipper clearance papers whereupon Captain Miguel decided to leave immediately."

"As we weighed anchor, boatloads of retreating KMT troops were approaching us," one of the crew said. "The skipper ordered full speed ahead to clear before we could be stopped again which would have meant that the San Manuel might have been ordered to help with the evacuation of Taiwan."

Landing failure

During its detention in Hoihow, the crew witnessed the occasional landing made by the Communists on Hainan. One of them recalled a particularly "disastrous" day for the Reds when a party of an estimated 700 troops was trapped on a sandbank where the Nationalists completely wiped out the lot by bombardment from the ships.

"This success was believed to have been the 'overwhelming success' reported by the Nationalists prior to Hoihow's fall."

"It seemed as if we got out on time," the first officer said, "for as we were about five miles out, fierce artillery bombardment on Hoihow began and we saw at least two huge fires started in the city."

The San Manuel carries a crew of 21. The vessel is expected to leave Hong Kong in three or four days' time. The crew believed that the reason why the Nationalists finally allowed the ship to be released was the fear that the Communists might seize and use the vessel against them.

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New ship for the Macao run

Owners of the new de-luxe river steamer Tak Shing entered local shipping circles yesterday to celebrate the debut of their vessel on the Hong Kong-Macao run.

Recently re-conditioned at the Cheong Chee Yee, Ngauwan, the former fire-gutted steamer Tak On looked resplendent, with multi-coloured bunting decorating her superstructure as she berthed alongside the Tu Hing Wharf.

The first three trips of the Tak Shing will be specially made for "Charity Funds"—fines collected on these trips will be sent to several charitable organisations in the Colony. The Tak Shing, equipped with modern amenities and navigational aids, will leave for the Portuguese colony at 8.30 a.m., return by noon and depart again on the following morning. Her master is the well known Irish veteran skipper, Mr. W. F. O'Farrell.

The vessel is owned by the Tai Yip Company of Hong Kong.

HAPPY VALLEY RACES OVER REDIFFUSION

Rediffusion will have their special sports commentators on hand today at the Race Course to present a running commentary of the first five Races and the results of the remaining races.

Of special interest will be the running of the St. George's Plate, which is a handicap race for Australian Ponies of 1950 and is a one-mile event. There is also the Victoria Peak Handicap for Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class Two. There will be a running commentary on these two events.

Complete results of the races will be broadcast in English at 3.30 p.m. and in Chinese at 7 p.m. today.

MORTGAGE STORY DENIED

The Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Sir Arthur Morse, told the "China Mail" yesterday that there is no truth whatever in the report carried by one of the local Chinese newspapers on Thursday about a refusal of mortgages of leasehold property North of Boundary Street in Kowloon.

The article in the "China Mail" yesterday which referred to the report in the Chinese newspapers, added that some mortgages were accepted and others refused, but that in no case did such refusals have any political significance.

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Miss Giovanna Cheng, who will give a piano recital of her own compositions at the Hong Kong Race Garden to-night at 9. Miss Cheng has a wide reputation in China and comes from Shanghai, where she studied under Professor Larzereff.

Governor's visit to schools

The Governor, accompanied by the Director of Education, the Senior Inspector of Schools, Mr. M. G. O'Connor, and Inspector of Vernacular Schools, Mr. K. H. Yuen, visited four Government schools in the Eastern District on Thursday.

The Governor first made a tour of inspection of the Hennessy Road Government School which was erected in 12 weeks at a cost of \$400,000 and provides education for 900 children in two sessions. Many of the children attending the school were previously being educated in unsatisfactory one-room schools held in Union premises. The headmaster, Mr. W. Hing-tak conducted the Governor round the school.

The Governor then visited the Technical College, Wood Road, where he was met by the Principal, Mr. G. White. He inspected the work being done in the building, engineering, automobile engineering, radio and wireless telegraphy departments, and talked to the staff.

He next visited the Junior Technical School which will, in September, be housed in the new school building built at Gap Road, and also the Government Vernacular Primary School, (Headmaster: Mr. Tang Shu-shum) where the work of the students was inspected and several of them read passages in English and Chinese.

Next Thursday the Governor will visit Royden House, a Dalton Plan private school under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, and at 10 a.m. the Sacred Heart School, Cain Road, Headmistress Mother Angelica.

SALVATION ARMY FLOWER DAY

The Salvation Army's Flower Day will be held today for funds to meet its 1950 Budget. Each flower sold will mean a little more done to mitigate suffering, relieve distress, bring brightness into the lives of the poor and hope for those now in despair.

There is the school at Wanchai to be maintained. The Shelter for women must have new beds installed and the women must receive a bowl of congee nightly. There are the many cases who need financial assistance, clothing, guidance, advice, etc.

Not a day passes without someone being helped in some way or other. It is impossible to meet all the demands made, but the Salvation Army is pledged to give of its best through its officers and workers who give full time unflinchingly and who will turn no one away if it is at all possible to help.

The target is \$10,000. Already public response has been good but \$40,000 is still needed. It is sincerely hoped that through the sale of flowers today this amount will be secured.

Gifts may also be sent direct to the Salvation Army Headquarters, 4th Floor, Union Building.

The entire local Sindh community will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wadhwa Dhanraj at the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club tomorrow at 2 p.m.

The couple have also invited their friends and well-wishers to the function which is to celebrate the birth of the couple's grandson, Ramraj.

During the afternoon there will be a programme of sports. Light refreshments will be served and prizes and toys will be distributed to the children.

TO BE WED
The 20th Anniversary wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Bernard Patrick Byrne, accountant, of 10 Stanley Beach Road, Stanley, and Miss Christine Kirby, secretary, of 10 Stanley Beach Road, Stanley, will be held at the St. Paul's Church, Kowloon, on Friday, April 21, at 12.30 p.m. It will be a closed ceremony and will be officiated by Rev. Fr. J. J. O'Connell.

The annual election of officers of the Hong Kong Rotary Club will take place on Thursday. The meeting will be held at the Royal Garden Hotel, Hong Kong, at 12.30 p.m. It will be a closed ceremony and will be officiated by Rev. Fr. J. J. O'Connell.

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Macao Electric's new share issue

An increase of \$2,000,000 in paid-up capital by the issue of new shares, to pay for installation of new generating plant and equipment costing more than \$4,000,000, was approved at an extraordinary meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Company Limited yesterday. The meeting was held in the board room of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, immediately after the annual general meeting of the Company, at which the Chairman, Mr. F. J. Gallion, who is also Managing Director, said the Company had had a very successful year despite increasing costs of operation.

Mr. Gallion said: "Mr. Watson having read the notice convening the Meeting, the Chairman then said: 'The balance from Working Accounts for the year under review amounts to \$881,150 which shows an increase of \$119,354 over the previous year, after charging the usual expenses and providing for annual depreciation and amortisation, the net profit carried to Appropriation Account amounts to \$732,226 which is an improvement of \$93,400 compared with the year ended November, 1948. I think you will agree that these figures are satisfactory, particularly when it is considered that in recent times all our operating costs are increasing.'

"The total amount at credit of Appropriation Account is \$777,949.93 and your Directors have dealt with this as follows—
In writing off the Loss arising on discharges of Guarantees for payment of bank loan to Macao Waterworks Co., Ltd. \$345,410.60; in writing off the Investment in Shares of The Macao Waterworks Co., Ltd. \$100,000.00; in providing for payment of a dividend of \$2 per share on 150,000 shares, \$300,000.00; in providing for payment to the Government of Macao of 5 per cent of the amount distributed as dividend in terms of Clause 15 of the Extension Contract, \$15,000.00; To carry forward to the next account, \$17,527.32.

Total \$777,949.93
These items have been incorporated in the accounts before you and it is hoped that the dividend payment will meet with your approval.
War losses
"As some of you will no doubt be aware, the Macao Water Supply Company passed to new owners during the year and as a result of this change it has been necessary for your company to write off its previous investment in the Waterworks Company and meet its obligation to the Bank under a guarantee for part of a loan made to the Waterworks Company and now irrecoverable. "Turning to the Balance Sheet you will note that steps have been taken to put our house in order now that our claims in respect of rental and compensation for losses during the war period have been settled. Taking into account these amounts, the Share Premium Reserve and a Surplus arising from a revaluation of certain fixed assets, amounting in total to \$1,025,213.34, it has been possible to write off the balance of \$318,460.54 shown last year under the heading of Bother and Trade-generators Account and War-Losses Suspense Account and to carry forward a balance of \$506,752.80 as a Capital Reserve. It will be seen from the Balance Sheet that the revaluation of fixed assets has involved a write up of \$539,056.16 and in this regard your Board are fully satisfied that these assets are still much below either their replacement or utility value to the company today."

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS FIFTH RACE MEETING Saturday, 29th April, 1950

There are ten races, the first of which will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the last at 7.30 p.m. Through Tickets (10 Races) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the 1st race and the Special Cash Sweep for the "Kwangtung Handicap" scheduled to be run on 7th October, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Kwangtung Handicap" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting Ladies, not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.
The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.
A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
SERVANTS' PASSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to leave the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

20 Words \$2 for 1 insertion
\$1 for every additional insertion
10 cents every additional word per insertion
(Alternate insertions 10% Extra)

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, PERSONAL \$5 per insertion
of 25 words, 25 cents every additional word per insertion.
Classified Advertisements, accepted up to 5 p.m. for publication
in the following day's paper.

Replies for the Following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

Replies will be forwarded to the Advertiser if requested on
the original form which should bear their names and addresses.
A suitable announcement will be inserted Free of Charge if
Advertisers' requirements are satisfactorily answered.

POSITIONS VACANT

**IMPORTANT FIRM RE-
QUIRES CHINESE STENO-
GRAPHERS AND TYPISTS
WITH KNOWLEDGE OF
DUTCH.** Apply Box No. 562
"China Mail".

**IMPORTANT FIRM RE-
QUIRES CHINESE STENO-
GRAPHERS.** Without experience
in shorthand useless to
apply. Apply Box No. 503
"China Mail".

POSITION WANTED

**PORTUGUESE youth, ex-
perienced:** correspondence, typing,
cabling, filing, import-export, de-
sires immediate employment
Chinese exporting house. Has
export connections. Accept \$300.00.
Box 500 "China Mail".

WANTED KNOWN

RENMEE DRESSES have new
shipment Evening Gowns and
Washing Frocks. Wide selection
at popular prices. 504 Victory
House, Wyndham Street, Tel.
38643.

**METROPOLE HOTEL, 10 Queen's
Road Central, Hong Kong, located
in the very heart of Hong Kong, is
a new and delightful hotel, offering
every convenience and accom-
modation. The quiet refine-
ment of this completely Euro-
pean-type hotel, furnished
throughout in a befitting style
makes it unique, interesting and
appealing. Every room with pri-
vate bath. Telephone: 31171,
Cable: "Metropole".**

CHIROPODIST—CLARA WONG
(from Singapore) treats corns, in-
grown nails, callouses. (Enquiries
1-3 p.m.) c/o Hudson Co., 512,
China Building (Tel. 21002).

**DRESSES and Blouses (all kinds
of materials) at competitive prices
—from HK\$23.00 up, satisfaction
guaranteed. Inspection cordially
invited at Long Kee Ladies Tailor
31D Nathan Road Kowloon.**

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MAY BE BOOKED AT THE
SWINDON BOOK STORE, 25
NATHAN ROAD, TEL. 59327.

**LADIES, we have at your service
all specialised operations for
Helene Curtis' cool waves,
machineless oil perms, hairdyes &
manicure—ROSE MARIE Beauty
Parlour—Phone 50384-43. Han-
kow Rd., Kowloon.**

**PEKING ART RUG CO., 221A
Nathan Rd., Kowloon, sell ex-
clusively carpets and rugs. Please
drop in and have a look.**

WHY LIMP about with a painful
corn or ingrowing toenail when a
visit to Eten's expert chiropodist
can put you right! Consult Eten's
Beauty Salon, 1st Floor, Exchange
Building.

**CARPETS, Rugs, Upholstery
cleaned in your own home by
modern, convenient DURABLE
SERVICE DURABLE CLEAN-
ING CO., 221A Nathan Rd., Kowloon.
Agents, DEERFIELD, Ltd., U.S.A.
Bank of East Asia Building, Tel.
54403.**

**CARPETS & RUGS—Genuine
Peking and Tibetan, lovely de-
signs and colorings, various sizes
some and inspect at The China
Rug Co., Kowloon Building, 4th
Floor (Opposite Hong Kong
Hotel) Queen's Road Central.**

DANCING LESSONS

**BALLROOM DANCING—Made
Easy! Advanced Variations taught.
"Specialized" Rumba, Samba,
Tango, Jitterbug (Live). Enquiries
1-3 p.m.—Tany Hudson, 512
China Building.**

THE DAIRY FARM,
ICE & COLD STORAGE
COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fifteenth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Share-
holders in the Company will be
held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, Hong Kong, on Wed-
nesday, 7th June, 1950 at 11
a.m. for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1949, to
sanction the declaration of a
Dividend, to elect Directors
and to appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Wednesday, 24th May to Wed-
nesday, 7th June, 1950, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
A. A. BREMNER,
Secretary.

Hongkong 29th April, 1950.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Extraordinary General
Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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Meeting of The Dairy
Farm, Ice & Cold Storage
Company, Limited, will be
held at the Company's Office,
Windsor House, Mezzanine
Floor, Hong Kong, on Wed-
nesday, 7th June, 1950, at 11.30
a.m. (or as soon thereafter as
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting
to be held at 11 a.m. on that
date shall have been conclud-
ed) for the purpose of con-
sidering, and if thought fit,
passing the following Resolu-
tions:

1. As a Special Resolution:—

"That the Articles of As-
sociation of the Company
be altered by substituting
the following Article for
Article No. 91 of the Com-
pany's Articles of Asso-
ciation:—

"91 The Directors shall
be paid out of the funds
of the Company remunera-
tion for their services at the
rate of \$4,000 per annum for
each Director other than the
Chairman and the
Chairman shall be paid
out of the funds of the
Company remuneration at
the rate of \$5,000 per
annum, together with
such further sums (if
any) as the Company in
General Meeting may from
time to time deter-
mine, and such remunera-
tion shall be deemed to
accrue de die in diem."

2. As an Ordinary Resolu-
tion:—

"That it is desirable to
capitalise the sum of
\$3,000,000, being part of
the undivided profits of the
Company standing at the
credit of the Company's
Reserve Fund and accord-
ingly that a special Capital
Bonus of \$3,000,000,
be declared and that
such bonus be applied on
behalf of the persons who
on the 24th day of May,
1950 were the holders of
the 488,892 issued shares
of the Company in full for
payment in full for 488,892
unissued shares of the Com-
pany of \$7.50 each and
that such 488,892 shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to such
persons in the proportion
of one such share for every
one of the said 488,892
shares then held by such
persons respectively, and
that the shares so distrib-
uted shall be treated for
all purposes as an increase
of the nominal amount of
the Capital of the Com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income, and that such
shares shall rank for Divi-
dend from the 1st January,
1950."

3. As an Ordinary Resolu-
tion:—

"That the authorised capital
of the Company be in-
creased from its present
capital of \$7,500,000
divided into 1,000,000
shares of \$7.50 each (of
which 488,892 shares have
been issued and of which
a further 488,892 shares
are to be issued as fully
paid up) to \$10,000,000
divided into 1,333,333
shares of \$7.50 each."

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
A. A. BREMNER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th April, 1950.

NOTICE

THE CANTON
INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Sixty-fifth Ordinary
Meeting of Shareholders will be held
at the Office of the
Undersigned on Wednesday
the 17th May, 1950, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Consulting
Committee together with a
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1949, electing Members of the
Consulting Committee and ap-
pointing Auditors.

The Register of Members
and Transfer Books will be
closed from the 3rd May to
the 17th May, 1950, both days
inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.

General Agents,
The Canton Insurance
Office, Ltd.
Hong Kong, April 26, 1950.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT
CO. LTD.

Notice is hereby given that
the forty-first Ordinary
Meeting of the Company will be held
at the Office of Messrs Dodwell
& Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong-
kong Bank Building, on Tues-
day, the 9th May 1950, at 11
a.m. for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report and Statement
of Accounts for the year end-
ed 31st December 1949.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
25th April to 8th May 1950,
both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, April 14, 1950.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The General Public is hereby
notified that Mr. Tu Yuen-kai,
known as Y. K. Tu, Sub-
Manager of our firm has ten-
dered his resignation to accept
another offer; and that his re-
signation has been duly ac-
cepted. We further declare
that all affairs handled by the
said Mr. Tu on behalf of our
Company during his tenure
have been satisfactorily settled.

WAH FOO TRADING
CO., LTD.,

125, Prince's Building,
Hong Kong.

April 28, 1950.

IMMIGRATION
NOTICE.

The Masters of all types of
vessel entering the port of
Victoria, must proceed at once
to the nearest authorised
quarantine anchorage, and re-
main at anchor with Immigra-
tion signals showing, until
permitted to move by Im-
migration Control Officers.

IMMIGRATION
OFFICER.

April 26, 1950.

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paid Bonus Shares in terms
of Resolution 2 above)
to \$30,000,000, by the
creation of 3,000,000 addi-
tional shares of the nominal
value of \$7.50 each and
that the unissued shares of
the Company's capital and
such additional shares as
aforesaid shall be issued
at such time or times and
open such terms and con-
ditions as the Company's
Board of Directors in their
absolute discretion shall
think fit."

NOTICE is also hereby given
that if the Resolution 3. above
is duly passed it is the inten-
tion of the Directors to offer
to members shown on the Re-
gister of Members of the Com-
pany at 24th May, 1950 (being
the date it is proposed to close
the Transfer Books of the Com-
pany) prior to the 50th Ordina-
ry Yearly Meeting to be held
on Wednesday, 7th June, 1950)
22,218 unissued shares of the
Company of a nominal value
of \$7.50 each together with an
additional 488,892 shares of the
nominal value of \$7.50 each
created in accordance with the
above Resolution, making a
total of 488,892 shares, on the
footing that the full nominal
value of each share taken up
shall be paid in full on accep-
tance of the offer and in any
case not later than 30th Sep-
tember, 1950 and so that each
member of the Company or his
approved nominee shall be
entitled to apply for and take
up one new share for every
issued share held by such
member on the 24th May, 1950.
The shares so offered shall
rank for dividend as from the
1st day of July, 1950.

The Directors will dispose of
any shares offered to members
in the event of non-acceptance
by payment thereof by mem-
bers or their approved nomi-
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ger of perpetrating some kind of
costly mistake.

South led the heart 3, the Q
forcing the A. Heading South had
played the Q, East next sent
forth the 10, expecting it to be
covered, whereupon he would
come up with the K and then
finesse trumps. But when South
played the 4, he momentarily de-
cided it would be fun to let the
10 win, so he played the 5 from
dummy. After doing that, he
realized almost instantly that he
had wasted his only sure quick
entry to the dummy. He could
find no way to finesse the trumps,
so had to lose a trick in spades
plus one each in the minors to
barely make his contract.

Here is the tragedy of it—the
other 3-Spades declarer made an
extra trick by finessing trumps.
If East had done likewise, he
would have scored a half of a
match point on the deal for trying
the other chap. Instead he got
a clear bottom, no match points.
That may seem unimportant, but
this poor chap happened to lose
victory in the tournament by a
margin of exactly one-half of a
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Your Week-end Question
If ordinarily sound opponents
reach a contract of 3-No Trumps,
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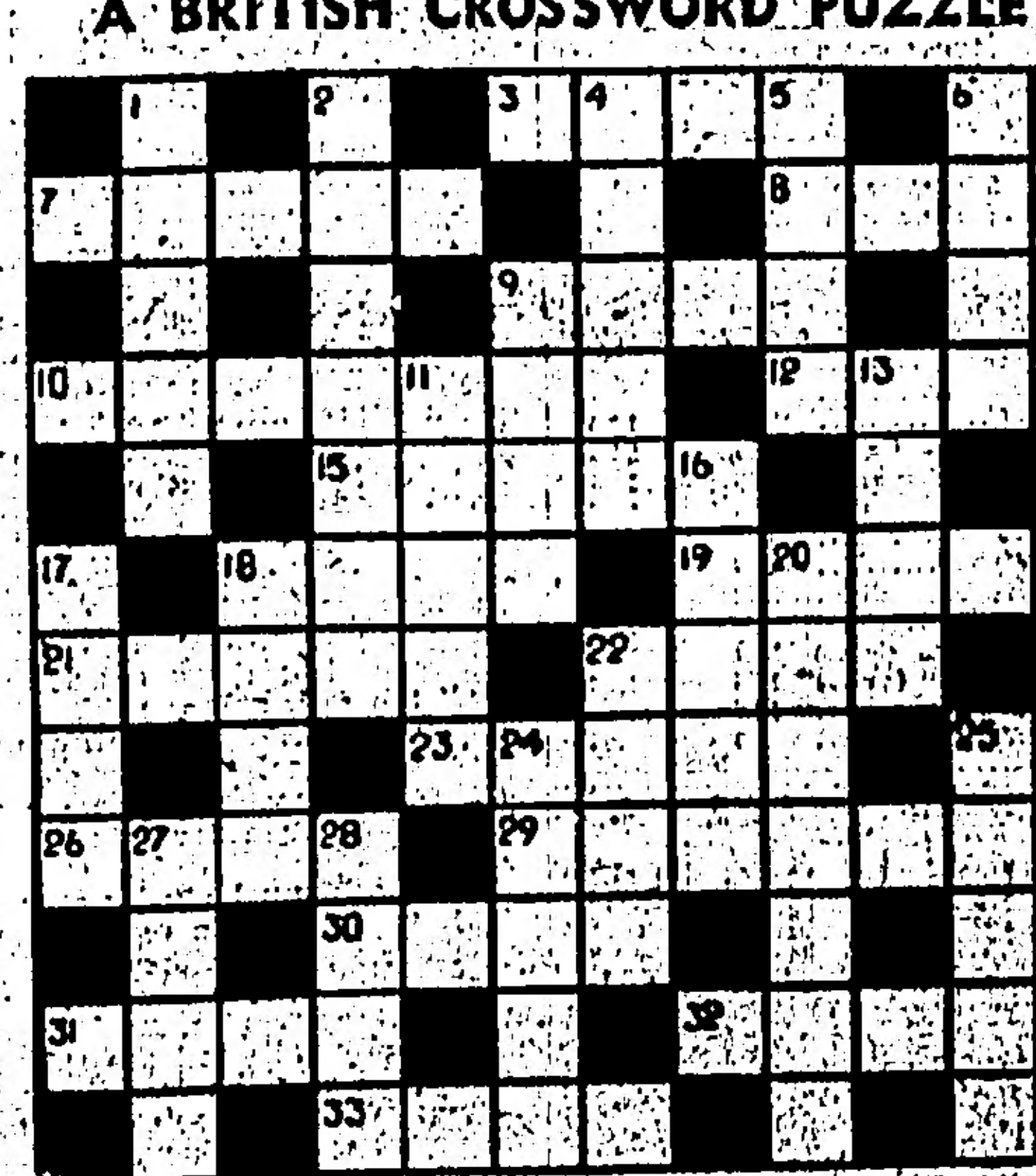
Dealer: North-South
North-South
West-East
Pass-2 S
Pass-3 S
West passed that because he
felt he had nowhere near enough
for another bid, so East was left
with a gameless contract in a
tournament where everybody else
reached game on this deal, with
the exception of one other pair
which somehow got only to three
by unreported bidding.

Throughout the early play, this
East upbraid himself for not
bidding 4-Spades with a hand on
which his second call would have
been virtually forcing 3-Spades
if West had made any minimum
call except a spade raise. He dis-
turbed his concentration on the
play just enough to lose the tour-
nament, in which most of the way
he had good scores.

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IMPORTANT MOVES BY BRITAIN IN THE MIDDLE EAST

London, April 27.

Britain today recognised King Abdullah's decree doubling the size of his Jordan Kingdom by annexing a large area of Palestine held by the Arab Legion since the war with Israel. Simultaneously, Britain gave its final blessing to the young Israel State by raising her recognition from the year-old "de facto" to full "de jure" approval.

But in making these decisions, which were announced in the House of Commons, Britain laid down important conditions.

She reserved her views on the permanent frontiers of Israel and her Arab neighbours until they reach a final peace settlement, and her recognition of Jordan's annexation of Eastern Palestine carried no decision about the future of Jerusalem.

Today's decision brings Jordan's new territory under the protective "wing" that Britain had provided in the Anglo-Jordan Treaty of Alliance in 1948.

But the Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, said in the House of Commons today that Britain had no intention of setting up military bases in peacetime in the annexed territory.

The annexation of land East of the river Jordan was proclaimed by King Abdullah on Monday in defiance of the six other States of the Arab League. It makes him one of the most powerful personalities in the Middle East. About Jerusalem, Britain went no further today than to accord "de facto" recognition to Israel and Jordanian authority in the areas they controlled.

UK obligations

Until there is a final settlement on the future of that part of the city which the United Nations decided should be internationalised, Britain is unable to recognise Jordan's sovereignty over any part of it, Mr. Younger said.

Here again he left no doubt that Britain's obligations under her Alliance with Jordan extend to the part of Jerusalem she holds—the Old City.

Britain's decisions were communicated to Israel and Jordan shortly before the House of Commons announcement. The six other Arab League Governments were also informed beforehand.

Members of the British Commonwealth had been consulted. The United States, France and Turkey, as members of the United Nations, Palestine Conciliation Commission, were also kept informed. One main and continuing aim of British foreign policy is the stability and prosperity of the Middle East and the establishment of peace between Israel and the Arab nations, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He hoped that today's decisions would contribute to its achievement.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, approved in principle the union of Jordan with Arab Palestine in a foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons last May.

Can be solved

Mr. Younger, in his announcement to Parliament today, said: "In announcing these two acts of

recognition, His Majesty's Government wish to reaffirm their conviction that the problem of Palestine is capable of solution by peaceful means given goodwill and understanding on the part of all parties concerned.

"It is their earnest hope that the steps they have now taken will help to create stability in the areas concerned and will make a contribution to the peace of the Middle East as a whole."

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Conservative Opposition leader, said amid cheers that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, and King Abdullah of Jordan had both over the vicissitudes of the past 20 or 30 years shown themselves always staunch friends of Britain.

He urged the Minister to avail himself to the fullest of any possible opportunity of bringing these two eminent men into the closest and most harmonious contacts.

Mr. Churchill asked if he was quite right in assuming that this was the general path on which the Government was embarking.

Mr. Younger: Yes, sir. And it is a great pleasure for me to associate myself with the remarks Mr. Churchill has made about the two gentlemen concerned.

Helping toward agreement

Mr. Somerset de Chair, Conservative, urged the Government to call a conference of all Middle Eastern countries involved in an attempt to get a determined settlement of the outstanding problems such as the future of Jerusalem, the closing of the Canal and the pipe-line, as no two of these Middle East countries seemed to be agreed.

"I think this would be an important contribution to the stability of the area, which is essential to prevent the spread of Communism," he added.

Mr. Younger replied: "We hope that the action we are announcing today will help in reaching an agreement between these countries over the many problems which face them. But I do not think I can commit myself to the idea of the conference as the best way to settle differences."

Mr. Churchill asked if the Minister and the Government would reconsider the decision to

sell 110 jet aeroplanes to the Egyptian Government.

Mr. Younger replied that Mr. Churchill would appreciate that the whole question of the supply of arms to the Middle East was under constant consideration under constant consideration.

He did not think he could, at this moment, add anything to the statement he had just made.

Mr. Churchill suggested that he should bring it to the notice of the Prime Minister. It was a very important one, he said.

He also asked Mr. Younger to consult the Prime Minister on the continuous stoppage of tankers passing through the Canal Zone which is hampering Britain's efforts to get the Haifa Refinery into operation.

Mr. Younger replied that these and other important matters are being actively considered by the Government.

Positive steps

Mr. Sidney Silverman, a Jewish Labour Member, congratulated the Government on the positive and constructive steps forward it had taken. But he urged that the whole question of supplies of arms to the surrounding Arab States should be reconsidered—indeed suspended—until such time as they were prepared to negotiate treaties of peace with Israel.

Mr. Younger: "I take note of that, but I do not think any comment of mine is called for."

Lord Winterston, Conservative, said some Members who had had very intimate connections with the Middle East believed that Israel and Jordan were by far the most stable States in the Middle East.

First things should come first and a treaty between them would be the Government's object as far as possible, he said.

Mr. Younger commented that the British Government wished to see agreement between Israel and all the neighbouring States.

Major Edward Legge-Bourke, Conservative, said that speaking strictly for himself he considered the de jure recognition of Israel to be the most hideous betrayal of all those men who fought in Palestine.

Arab, Jewish reaction

In Cairo, the Arab League today called an extraordinary session of its Political Committee

Abdullah's move backed in Cairo

Cairo, April 27.
The veteran statesman, Izzat Sidki Pasha, today became the first Egyptian openly to support King Abdullah's act incorporating East Palestine into the Kingdom of Jordan, when he said here: "I believe the move is in accordance with the wishes of the East Palestine people."

He added: "These people took part in the recent elections, and now share in the conduct of affairs in an enlarged Jordan State."

Sidki Pasha also favoured a Jordan-Syria-Iraq union.

"The presence of a strong Arab country in the North and another (Egypt) in the South will deter Israel from further expansion," he declared.

Asked whether Jordan sought a preliminary peace with Israel, Sidki Pasha said: "Peace with Israel would contribute towards political stability in the Middle East, and as such should be welcomed."—Reuter.

For May 2 in Cairo to decide on measures in connection with Jordan's annexation of Arab Palestine.

Arab circles in Cairo expect Jordan to attend the session in an attempt to convince other Arab States that the annexation was rightful.

Egypt, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Yemen have opposed the annexation, threatening measures which may include Jordan's expulsion from the League and diplomatic and economic sanctions.

In Tel Aviv, the government of Israel declared tonight that Britain's application of the terms of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty to areas West of the Jordan annexed by Hashemite Jordan is perplexing.

Simultaneously, Israel reiterated concern over British arms shipments to Arab States and said these do not contribute to the stability of peace in the Middle East.

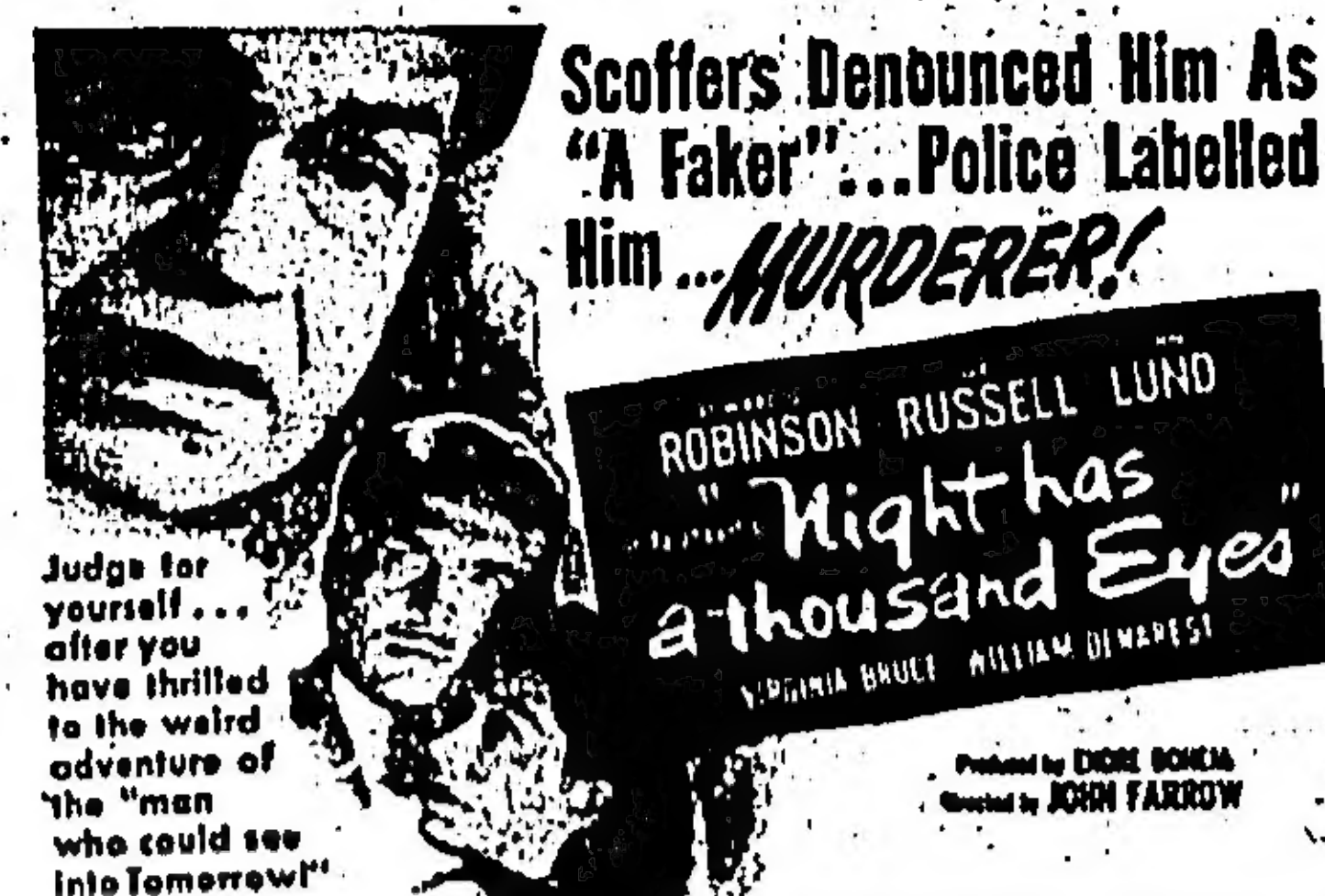
The Government statement said Israel reserved its future course of action in view of Britain's application of the treaty with Jordan to annexed areas.—Reuter, and Associated Press.

CRISIS FEARED IN SYRIA

Damascus, April 27.
Abraham Hduani, Minister of National Defence and a prominent figure in the Syrian Cabinet, resigned following a strong debate in the Cabinet last night. A Ministerial crisis is expected.—Reuter.

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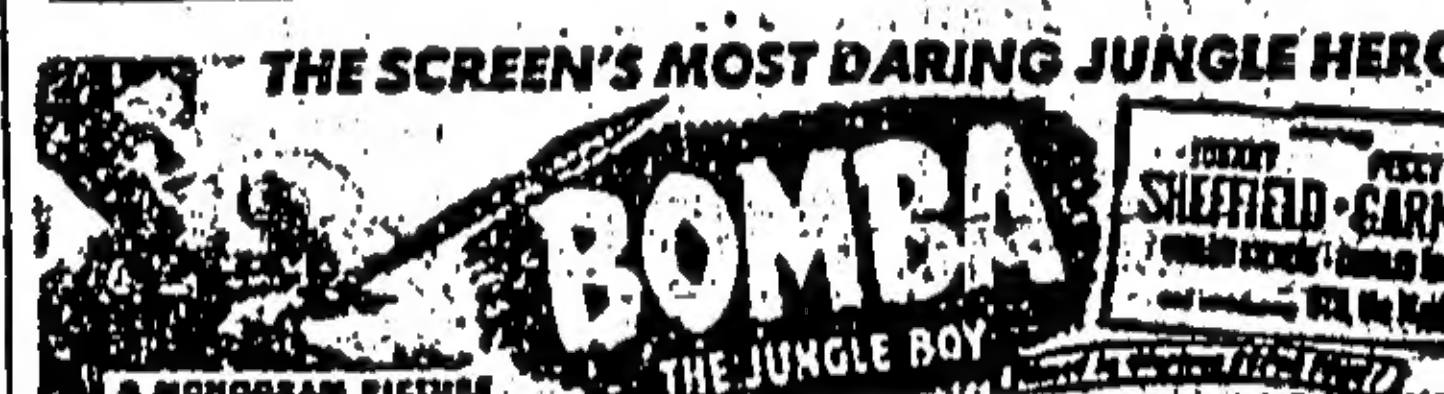
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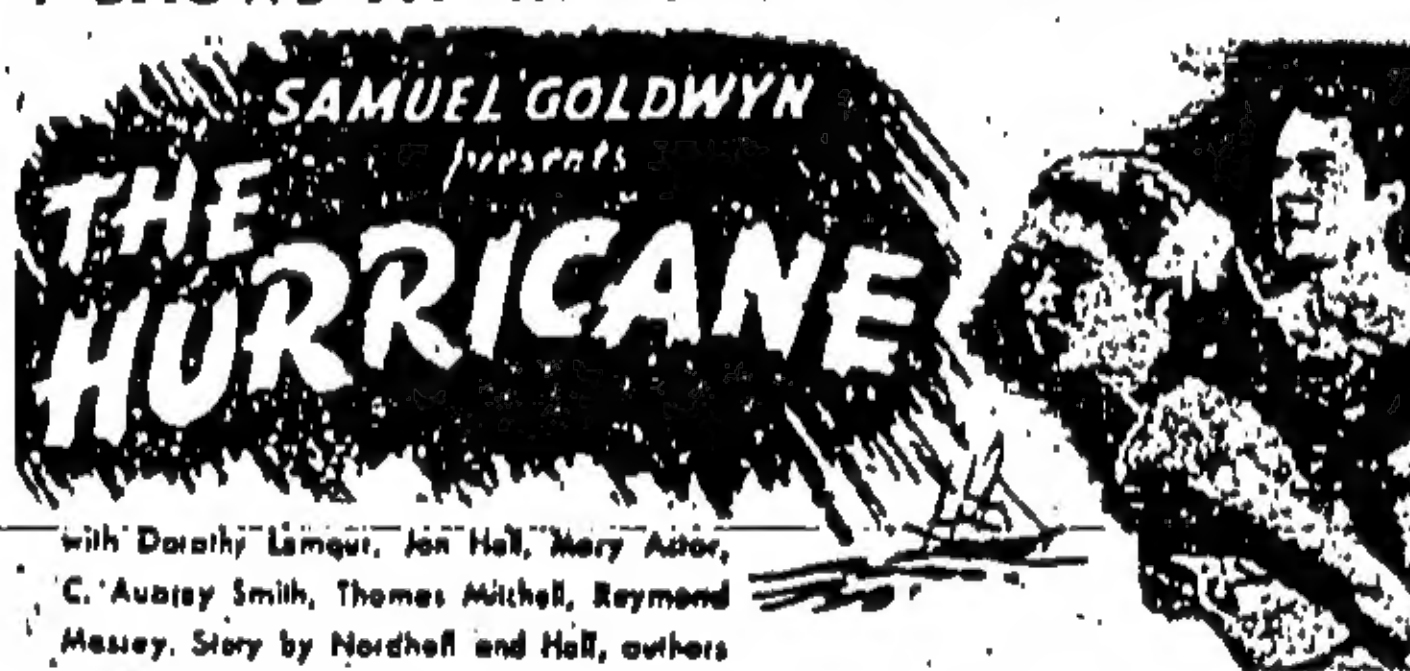
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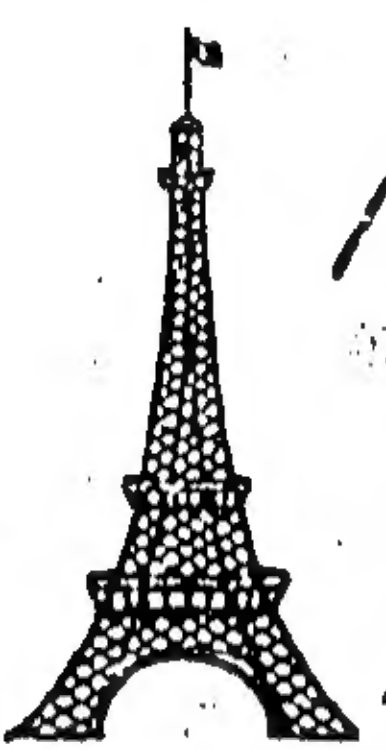
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THE GREAT DEFLATION

The Mayor of Shanghai, General Chen Yi, titillated the imagination of his unhappy audience in Shanghai with a more than merely striking picture of conditions in that city. Commodity prices, he said, were stable, currency was steady, there were abundant food supplies, and coal stocks were flowing in. All quite true. The brakes were applied well down the steep slope and they are holding. Now all is quiet, and restful, and the only sound is the muttering of many tongues.

Stability has come, at least for the present, and with it stagnation. The Government has all the food and raw materials and most of the goods. Not even the Japanese in their most efficient moments during the occupation accomplished half so much. And all the money is in the State banks. From a mild inflation that was face-wounding, but that never remotely approached that of the Nationalists, China has passed to a ruthless deflation which threatens to stop the entire economic machine. All the fevers have gone; the patient lies prostrate.

From the management of paper or commodity currency the Government has moved to management of the entire economy. Motives far more honest than those of the Nationalists, who printed a myriad of worthless banknotes, lie behind the swift transformation of economic policy, whose pace has left the Soviet tempo of the first decade far behind. But different motives and different methods may not yield different results. In any case, the people's money, the people's grain, and the people's goods have passed into the possession of the People's State.

As General Chen Yi put it, the "centralisation" of finance has given the Peking Government immense power to regulate the country. This was so because the Communist policy had concentrated vast sums of money, and what the Mayor called "decisive supplies" in the hands of the State. Punitive taxes and levies have bereft private capital and private enterprise of all cash, and forced them to mortgage their credit. They have no means to carry on.

Yet the Mayor urges them to be up and doing. The industrialists and merchants, he said, should overcome all difficulties and carry on with their business. A wide market would be open to them, he said, when the liberation of the whole country is complete — a delicate hint that all their hardships were solely due to the needs of the expedition against Taiwan. Unemployment and stoppage of industry were difficulties of a temporary nature and would be overcome.

The crisis of confidence in the currency has been overcome. The crisis of confidence in the Government has begun. Under the first, industry and the people carried on.

The Baltic now the centre of a U.S.-Russian incident, is uneasy. From being one of the world's most peaceful seas (even in two World Wars) it has become one of the most disturbed, if not the most dangerous.

Swedish, Danish and German fishermen and navigators of other small craft take their lives (at least their safety, their craft, and their equipment) in their hands whenever they approach the Southern shores of the Baltic, controlled by the Russians and Poland.

Norway is providing moral backing, and Iceland is also behind the protest made. Although it is a Baltic fishing power, both have been having trouble with Russia over fishing elsewhere.

During March alone, armed Soviet marines operating from minesweepers have seized 16 Danish, four Swedish and four German fishing boats after firing warning shots over the bows, and driven the boats below at the point of the pistol.

These acts of piracy have occurred as far as 35 miles out to sea, although the traditional extent of the Baltic territorial waters is three to four miles, and the Russians themselves have never yet claimed more than 12 miles (the agreed length in Far Eastern waters).

The crews have been imprisoned and fed only on black bread and soured butter for weeks at a time; kept out of communication with their consular officials, and with their wives and families at home, and deprived of their tackle, often worth £500 a boat, not mention being prevented from making their catches, which would also amount to about £500 a boat.

On purely financial grounds the Swedish and Danish Governments are bound to take action. The money involved runs into hundreds of thousands of pounds. What makes the situation worse is that this is not a new terror. Between the end of the war and last April, five Swedish vessels had already disappeared completely in mysterious circumstances off the Polish coast. Sixteen Danish boats were also reported missing by the Russian Baltic Fleet off Bornholm Island at Christmas, 1948.

Those events led to independent Swedish and Danish protests to Moscow, seeking mainly to come to an agreement about the extent of Baltic territorial waters.

Now, a year later, those Notes have been totally ignored by the Soviet Government, although the Swedish Ambassador in Moscow has repeatedly reminded the Kremlin of the matter.

feverishly and speculatively may be, but still actively. There were more zeros to figure out, but a \$100,000 note was not much more of a load than a ten dollar bill. There was even a bit of ironical humour in handling bundles of notes running into millions. One may not have felt "like a million dollars," but at least like a gold dollar.

From the extreme of Nationalist inflation the new regime has moved to the extreme of State control. The State is now all-powerful and all-possessing. It likewise assumes entire responsibility for what may befall — success that would make General Chen Yi's disclaimer of a miracle a marvel of modesty; or failure that would make the Co-prosperity Era look like the paradise it was supposed to be. The diffident little lady, announcer of Peking Radio said on Thursday night that in 10 months the situation in Shanghai had been "transformed." That is also quite true, and now that the bombing background has changed, the transformation is to be seen in more direct relation to State policy, though the blockade still exercises its pernicious influence.

The change has come, said General Chen Yi, because the Central People's Government did not rely on printing banknotes to pay its way. It preferred genuine revenue, the reorganisation of the tax system, the centralisation of finance, and the "floating" of Victory Bonds. What the celebrated Tobias Hobson would say of this we do not know. The Nationalist State churned out notes without limit. Those who were smart turned them into goods as fast as their phones could carry their orders. But the People's State has the goods and the money. Living was never so cheap since the war, said a recent arrival from Shanghai, but there is no money to live. The People's State has liberated the people from inflation. Its next job is to liberate them from deflation, and it's even more urgent.

PIRACY IN THE BALTIC

By Ralph Hewitt

The Swedish Press and public, particularly the provincial Press along the South East coast, and the fishing associations, are furious.

Stockholm's "Tidningen" editorialists: "There has been talk of getting Swedish and Danish warships to escort our fishermen on their clearly lawful occasions, but perhaps that might be worth while trying, even though it might lead to incidents."

That might teach the barbed wire and terroristic minds behind the piracy that there is not the way that friendly nations should behave towards each other.

Commenting on the fact that the Russians have held fishermen incommunicado, the Swedish Government organ, "Morgens-Tidningen" writes:

"One wonders if the Russians have ever heard of the telephone... why they cannot ring up the nearest Swedish consul so that the crew's interrogation may not drag on for weeks. And worthy the lives of fathers, sons or brothers of the fishermen to death. If the Russians have the slightest human feeling they will handle such situations in another manner."

Showing to indignant public opinion, the Swedish Government, which tries to avoid trouble with Russia as far as possible, has completed a cross-examination of two returned Swedish crews, and heard the views of the leaders of the Swedish fishing industry.

On the basis of these explorations, the Swedish Note to Moscow (or the United Nations, if necessary) will be based.

This ostensible peace storm has its bearing on the British fishing industry. Recent reports say that the USSR has begun to encroach on the world fishing industry in a major way, and the impact of this drive is already being felt in waters traditionally fished by British trawlers.

Already Britain has lost vessels on Soviet mines. Already the British Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has had disputes with the Soviet Government about Arctic fishing rights. Already some of Britain's best fishing concerns have been obliged to station senior officials in Arctic Norway to handle disputes, and Britain keeps a consul, Lieutenant-Commander A. F. Cumming, at Tromsø, largely to

deal with the explosive fishing situation.

What explains Soviet aggression? British, Norwegian, Swedish and Danish experts suggest the following:

1. Security, more precisely, a determination to keep prying eyes from war installations along the Baltic and Arctic coasts.

Inferiority complex

2. Prestige, i.e., Soviet inferiority complex, concerning the superiority of the British, Swedish, and Norwegian naval and mercantile marine force.

3. Genuine economic, namely a desire to get control of as much fishing water as possible, and a prior Western fishing technique should produce a permanent reduction of shoals and lead to an encroachment on waters which the Russians have earmarked for their own supplies.

4. Nervous warfare, aimed at keeping the Swedes, Norwegians and Danes permanently guessing about Soviet intentions.

5. Policing, i.e., damping the thousands-strong stream of refugees from Poland, the Baltic States and the Eastern Zone of Germany.

6. Anti-espionage; the prevention of infiltration of Western agents behind the Iron Curtain aboard fishing and other vessels.

Stan keeps uniform handy

By Edward Bishop

My Australian friend Stan hangs his major's uniform in the office. I'm sorry, but I cannot reveal the surname of this Australian Patriot.

Stan, you see, is an intelligence officer, and while he spends much of his spare time drilling recruits on the parade ground, he is also an undercover man keeping tabs on subversive cells.

Stan fought in the islands North of Australia during the war. He's something of a quick change artist—in and out of uniform in the office. In this morning he will be found doing business with a client. Yet, after lunch the same day he's just as likely to be in conference with a general.

In case you feel this peacetime soldiering and cloak and dagger stuff sounds too dramatic, let me say that for Australians like my friend it is deadly serious.

Australia, with a population less than London's and 3,000,000

square miles of territory, has a defence problem.

While the population does not allow "Goliath" sized regular forces, Australia has a "David" defence commitment in the Pacific.

Before the war Britain, with a powerful Navy, led the world in Pacific defence. Today, now that the Navy has been whittled away, Britain has to rely more and more on her friends and relations in the Pacific theatre to look after the situation there.

This is why one of the first public declarations of the new Australian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Percy Spender, has been to call for a Pacific Pact. Mr. Spender seeks a Pacific line-up with the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand, in addition to the usual defence arrangements these nations have with Britain.

Pint-sized storms put ship through paces

By John D. Hillary

Before a new design of merchantman or tanker slides down the stocks into the Tyne, the chances are that it was tested near the Thames on a strip of water little bigger than a village pond.

It went down to Teddington, just outside London, recently to see how they did it.

The laboratory—the National Physical, or "NPL," as they call it—would surprise a man who has spent the whole of his life in the yards.

Perfect 18ft. models of dry cargo vessels were smashing their way through paces, the turns the screws of tankers were throwing out bubbles in glass-lined observation tunnels, and a little army of men were finding out all the faults in design of ships which are to be launched on the Tyne next year—before they even lay down the keels.

Local naval architects send nearly all their delicately-drawn "lines plans" of new types of vessels to Teddington, where, for a fee of 200 guineas, they make exact scale models, and test them in the tanks for a month.

Works of art

The miniature ships are works of art. They are made of paraffin wax—half a ton of it. First a mould is made in china-clay. Sealing down the actual plans of the ship to be, the laboratory staff then make a mock-up of lath and canvas slightly smaller than the finished model.

Then, by lowering the mock-up into the mould and pouring molten wax into the intervening space, they get a rock-hard replica of the hull of the new ship.

A scale-perfect engine is fitted into the model, but before it goes down to the tank small holes, the size of a shilling, are bored into the stern. These are filled with grease, and contain little lag indicators which show how the ship is dealing with "stream flow" as it barrels through the water.

Expected to see the model chug along by itself, but that it was told: "was a wonderful thing to see. They have two) is 500 feet long and 30 feet broad. Across the length of it runs a huge 15-ton carriage carrying the scientific officers and all their testing gear.

Profile watch

The ship was placed under the carriage, and the testing gear was started. The carriage was moved along at the same speed and exactly over the model, as the merchantman was destined for the deep water ports of the Atlantic. Warning facilities, namely, in the form of a small "L" shaped light, were placed on the ship's hull, and the ship was actually built ships on Tyne.

or, as we should call it, the "wash" of the model's bows. It was a new and untried design, and they photographed the ripples it made in the water.

Similar tests had been going on for about three weeks when I arrived at Teddington, but for my benefit they had another look at the performance of the model's propeller, which had caused them some misgivings.

Masses of wires snaked down from a revolving drum on the travelling carriage to the model's engine, and assistants noted the number of revolutions of the screw, its "thrust" and "torque" as it throbbed around under water.

Came the storm

From these facts—mere scribbles on a piece of paper—revolving around an instrument like a broom—they were able to work out the overall efficiency of the ship to be.

But that was in still water. Just to see how the ship would react to heavy weather, another assistant threw over an electric switch, and immediately paddled through a rough under water at the top-end of the tank. A long series of waves hit the little ship, simulating the worst effects of a mid-Atlantic storm.

There were more long and elaborate calculations of speed and profile before the assistant switched off the heavy weather, remarking that it would be seven or eight hours before the tank calmed down sufficiently for more still-water tests.

Before I left them they carried out another important aspect of their work. The propellers were removed from the model, and taken along to a machine called a cavitation tunnel, where they were revved up under water and observed through a reinforced glass shield. We saw exactly what takes place under a ship's stern at speed.

Bubbles clue

As the blades were inclined at various angles, little bubbles of air were drawn away from them, restricting their power, and the object of the test was to make them as efficient as possible, as bubble-free as possible.

A whole month usually passes before the men of Teddington consider that they have really got to know the capabilities of a new ship. The various departments go into consultation, a tonk report is eventually drawn up. Sometimes the designer himself stands the test, but if everything is successful—as it usually is at the National Physical Laboratory—the ship's "L" shaped light is rolled up, and sent back to the men who actually built ships on Tyne.



Iron wire curtain, or don't fence me in.

Following the erection of our wire barricades along the border, one can soon expect the new Utopia to complain bitterly of encirclement.

"Shirley Temple appointed mayor of Californian town." This must be a mayor's nest. Shirley it can't be true?

The Communist in Australia are slowly coming to the conclusion that Mr. Menzies doesn't like them. And after all the trouble they have taken to win fronts and influence people.

Thakur Nu is to attend a service in London in honour of the Commonwealth soldiers of the Burma campaign.

Wait till Errol Flynn hears about this.

New York lift operators go on strike. This will make even the most blasé citizen stare.

Algermen have been sent to the London docks. Leaving the strikers up in the air.

Incidentally, one must grant the welfare state one more excellent achievement—the strikers' continued collecting their guaranteed weekly wage, whether they are idle from lack of work or simply through Red fever. At least we know they will not suffer.

"He himself abdicated for love. But a bit of water has run over the dam since fateful 1936." Well, a girl has to keep sweet and clean.

"Nationalists draw up new defence plans."

Like planning a strategic withdrawal to San Francisco, to weaken the Communist lines of communications still further?

Britain recognises Israel. Some people think it was over Jew.

Japan recommended as partner in the cold war. Well, you know, one must start somewhere.

"Twin epidemics in Calcutta." Lucky it wasn't quads.

It is being said in some parts that the man who discovers a uranium mine can rest comfortably on his oars.

Admiralty group of islands North of New Guinea. The Americans fortified it as a major Fleet support base during the war. More recently Chinese Nationalists paid a visit, and bought large quantities of United States installation and machinery for use against the Communists in China.

In Whitehall, Admiralty planners are in close contact with these developments, and an Admiralty officer, Captain A. R. Pedder, Deputy Director of Plans, is going out to join the Australian Naval Board.

The backbone workers are also busy. A Joint War Production Committee has been set up within the Defence Department to take responsibility for gearing Australian industry to meet supply demands likely to be made by Britain and the U.S. in times of war. Conscious of the remoteness of their country, experts on this committee are examining the needs for raw materials like aluminium, rubber, and strategic chemicals.

And that is why my friend Stan, who is as wide awake as anyone I know, hangs his uniform in the office cupboard.

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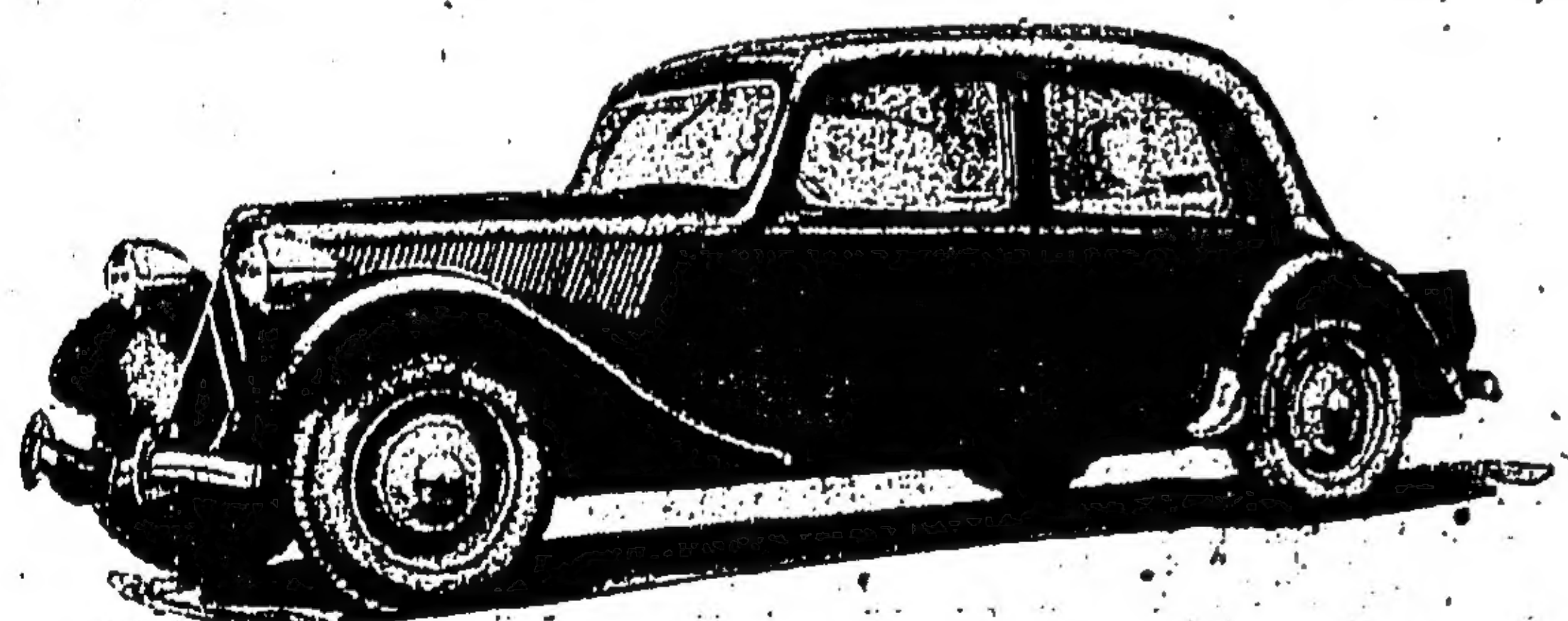


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MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

Road accidents in Britain

During 1949, 176,779 persons were killed or injured in 146,736 road accidents in Great Britain. This was the highest total of road casualties for any year since the war, and was 23,382, or 15 per cent, more than for 1948.

The deaths numbered 4,773, an increase of 260 compared with the previous year, though less than for any other year since the war. The seriously injured totalled 43,410, an increase of 10,434 over the 1948 figure.

In 1948 the road accident position improved, but this was not maintained in 1949, when nearly 300,000 additional vehicles were licensed and more petrol was available. The last feature of the 1949 records is a reduction in the number of child deaths, the figure being 865.

Following are the figures of casualties for 1938 and recent years:—

	Deaths.	Seriously Injured.	Slightly Injured.
1938	6,548	20,916	176,878
1945	5,256	22,537	100,565
1946	5,052	24,518	120,896
1947	4,881	25,027	125,721
1948	4,513	23,067	115,817
1949	4,773	43,410	128,598

Road casualties during December totalled 16,513, including 537 killed and 4200 seriously injured. Compared with December, 1948, there was an increase of 399 in the total casualties and of 587 in the seriously injured, the latter being the highest for December since 1941.

As in 1948, December was the worst month of the year for road deaths, although the total of 537 was 10 less than that for the corresponding month of 1948. Child deaths numbered 56, and were 14 fewer than in December, 1948.

December 23 and Christmas Eve took a heavy toll on the roads with 1,570 casualties, including 36 killed and 421 seriously injured.

Four pedestrian crossings in London are being used for experiments to find out whether the lighting of crossings leads to improved behaviour on the part of both the pedestrians and motorists.

At all four sites, the surface of the crossings has been marked with the black and white "zebra" stripes, now being developed as a result of experimental work at the Road Research Laboratory.

Floodlit

At two of the sites the crossings have been specially floodlit. One of these is at the junction of City Road and Morland Street, Finsbury, and the other is at the junction of Holloway Road and Fairbridge Road, Islington.

At the other two sites the orange globes of the Bellis Beacons have been lighted internally with 60-watt lamps; a window of clear glass in the globe is designed to throw some of the light down onto the crossings.

One of these is outside Kentish Town Underground Station in Kentish Town Road, Borough of St. Pancras, and the other is at the junction of Archway Road and Cusston Road, Hornsey. These four sites have been chosen as representing a range of street lighting conditions.

The experiments have been put in hand with the assistance of the borough councils. They are part of a general investigation by the Road Research Laboratory, D.S.I.R., and the Ministry of Transport, to find out whether road accidents can be reduced by making crossings more conspicuous.

The behaviour of road users, both motorists and pedestrians, was observed before the installation of the lighting and is now being observed with the lighting in use. Preliminary results show an improved standard of behaviour.

New record for Austin

New York, April 27. A standard Austin car established 18 new records in the first 370 miles of a 24-hour test at Suffolk County Airport track, 100 miles from New York, today.

With six hours elapsed, the Austin averaged between 60 and 67 miles per hour.

Dave Gundry, the official American Automobile Association representative, announced this, adding that there are no existing American stock car records for this class of car, an A-40 Austin. The car began a 24-hour speed run at 6.20 a.m. with Alan Hess driving, taking turns with Colonel Goldie Gardner.

The AAA, which is officially timing the test, said that both the drivers were holding up well and making excellent time, considering the stiff wind blowing across the eight-cornered track, which is 200 yards short of three miles.

After the first two hours, Hess drove into the pits and while the car was being refuelled and having a tyre changed, Hess said that the Austin sometimes exceeded 75 mph on the straight. The tyres were wearing badly, he said then, and two were changed in the first few hours.—Associated Press.

New Italian cars

The latest F.I.A.T. Type 101 displays great diversity in the characteristics of the engines in the two experimental models which are at the moment being studied.

One has a very short stroke, almost less than the bore, while the other is completely the opposite, with a stroke of 115 mm. for a bore of 62 mm.

Before May 4, when the Turin Show opens, the company will decide which version will be proceeded with. In both cases the capacity of the engine is about 1,400 c.c. with four cylinders with valves in the head of classic type.

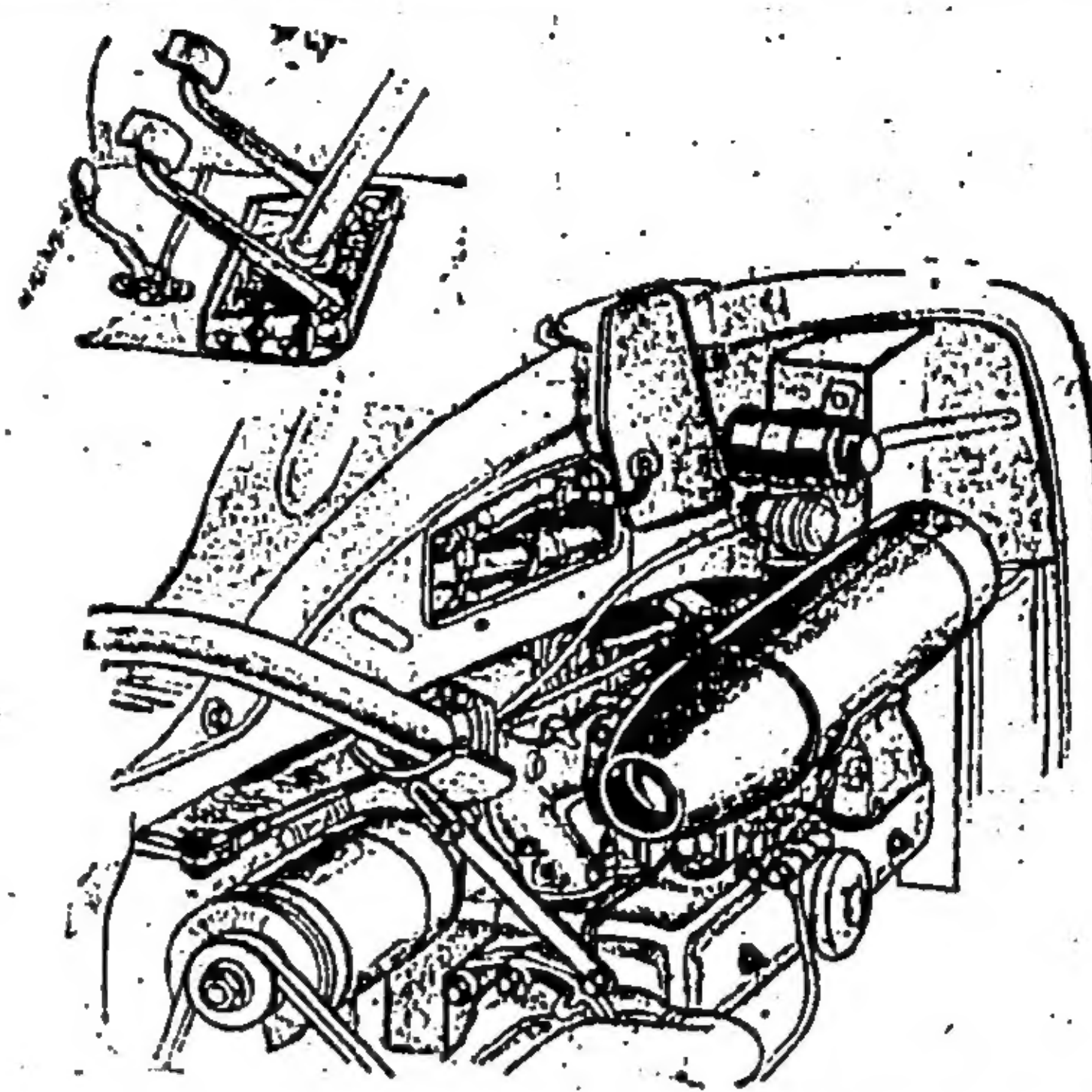
Both engines develop circa 50 h.p., which gives the car the maximum speed of about 70 m.p.h., at which speed it maintains a large margin of safety.

The gear-change lever will be on the steering column and all gear ratios are synchronised and silent. The chassis is made of welded tubes, with independent suspension and the rear springing is with torsion bars. The complete weight is 137 cwt. and the fuel consumption should be about 25 m.p.g. Production will continue with both the Type 500 C and the 1100 E.

Another novelty is the new Lancia "Aurelia" which is a completely redesigned car and has a six-cylinder engine on the classic Lancia line of narrow-angle Vee with a capacity of 1,780 c.c. and an output of 65 h.p.

One must not forget the new Alfa Romeo which carries the energetic hands of engineer Alessio.

The first new Alfa is a four-cylinder of 78 by 105 mm., giving a cubic capacity of 2,000 c.c. with a power of 72 h.p. The estimated 2,000 g. weight includes the modified in many particulars from "Auto Italiana".



Latest modifications to the Citroen Light Fifteen as assembled in Britain include longer pedal arms with a higher pivot point giving a more normal pedal travel. The brake cylinder is moved to a more accessible position inside the main structure and the clutch is now operated by rod instead of cable. The new Vokes air cleaner and silencer is shown.

British Citroens

The Citroen Light Fifteen, assembled at the British factory at Slough, has undergone no fundamental change in mechanical specification or external appearance since the design left the drawing board 17 years ago, yet the car is still eagerly bought by discerning drivers in many different countries.

Last year it has proved capable of making best performance in the Alpine Trial and winning the most important team prizes in the Alpine Trial and the International Evian Alpine Rally.

A different kind of tribute to its ubiquity, performance and nimble behaviour has recently been paid by the most expert Continental jewel thieves, whose devotion to the Light Fifteen has gained them the name of "Traction-Avant Bandits".

After 17 years it is right up-to-date in specification, and in point of numbers sold it is still one of the most popular cars produced in Europe, surely an achievement without parallel in automobile history.

Although the basic design has remained unchanged, there has, of course, been a steady process of improvement and refinement and this has continued during the past year.

New-type pedal

The latest cars to be assembled, trimmed, equipped and finished in Britain have a new type of pedal for brakes and clutch, with a longer arm and higher pivot which gives a more conventional arc of movement and eliminates the need for pressing sharply downwards on the pedals, which was a feature of past Citroens.

This has been combined with a rod instead of a cable to control the clutch, and in redesigning the operating levers it has been possible to give a smoother and more progressive action.

The new brake pedal pivot has made it possible to move the Lockheed master cylinder to a more accessible position.

The clutch itself now has nine springs instead of six and the crown wheel has recently been stiffened.

The engine has a new Vokes air cleaner and silencer which gives better accessibility for minor engine adjustments and appreciably reduces noise from the carburettor intake. It has a felt filter element which is easily removable for cleaning.

The cars finished in Britain are, of course, equipped with a British 12-volt electrical system and the latest models have a cable rack screenwiper. A hardened drive dog is now used on the distributor.

The six-cylinder follows the same general layout as the Light Fifteen with an integral body-chassis structure, front-wheel drive, independent front suspension by torsion bars, and a dead trailing axle with torsion bar springing at the rear.

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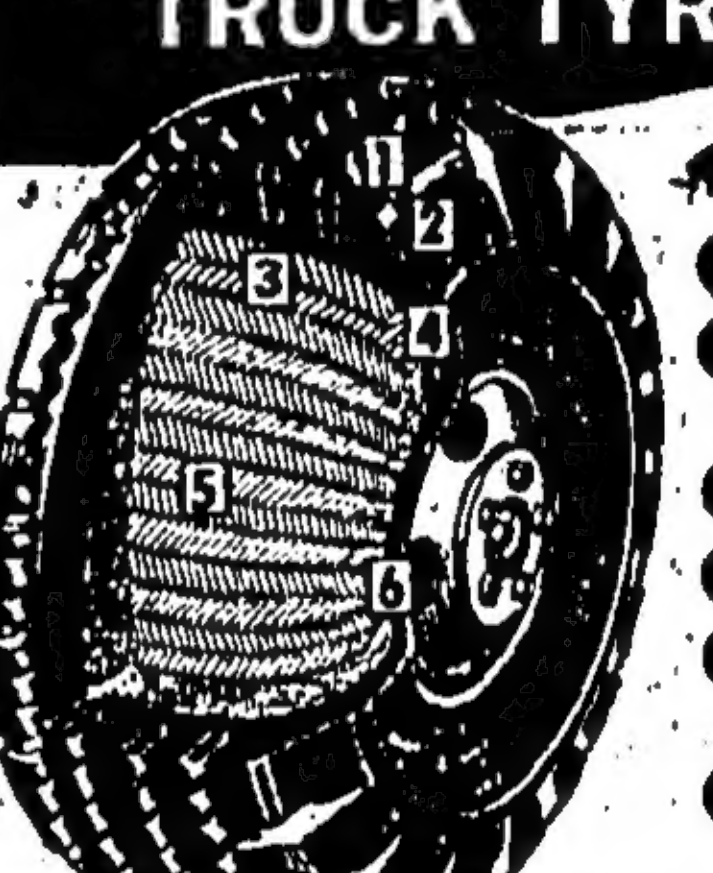
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Browder refutes accusations by Mr. McCarthy

Washington, April 27.

Earl Browder, deposed leader of the American Communists, swore under oath today that he knows of no Communists in the State Department.

He also branded as false, ex-Communist Louis Budenz, sworn testimony that he (Browder) had officially described Owen Lattimore as a Communist.

He then invited possible contempt action when he flatly refused to tell Senate investigators who, besides himself and a Chinese, Red leader, was present at a meeting before the formation of the United Nations at San Francisco.

Mr. Browder testified before the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee investigating charges made by Senator Joseph McCarthy. He became defiant when Senator Bourke Hickenlooper asked who was present at a meeting with him and a Chinese Communist leader before the United Nations was formed.

"I do not remember, and if I did I would not give you that information," he said.

Senator Hickenlooper promptly noted for the record that all five members of the sub-committee were present to hear Mr. Browder's testimony. This usually is the Congressional prelude to a contempt citation, which could possibly result in a jail sentence and fine.

When the witness said he could not be forced to answer, Senator Hickenlooper said, "That determination will be made by the Committee."

"Possibly," shrugged Mr. Browder. Then, raising his voice—for which he later apologized—he added, "I just wanted to make it clear that I am not going to be intimidated by any person."

Senator Hickenlooper then asked the witness whether the meeting in question was attended by the career diplomat, John Service, who has been accused by Senator McCarthy of being a poor security risk.

After saying he would not answer the question of who was or was not at the meeting, witness remarked: "Now we have the question in a general form. Ordinarily I would have no hesitancy in answering such a question, except that experience has taught me that once I start answering such questions I am embarked on a fishing expedition."

Mr. Budenz issued a statement in New York saying it was no surprise to him that Browder had told investigators his (Budenz) testimony was false.

"Up to a few months ago Mr. Browder was an open, registered Soviet agent," he said. "I had no illusions but that he would be a reluctant witness. What I had hoped and still hope is that questioning will elicit from him the story of the Communist cell in the Institute of Pacific Relations."

China policy

Mr. Browder was questioned about Mr. Budenz' statement that Mr. Browder had praised Mr. Lattimore's contribution to selling the Party line on China in 1937—that the Chinese Communists were agrarian reformers. Mr. Browder said this was not so. At that time, he said, the Communists were maintaining that the Chinese Communists were leading the military struggle in China against Japan.

"Unity in China was the key word," he said, but added that

the Chinese Communists actually did represent fundamental agrarian reforms. However, he insisted that in 1937 the Party line was one of unity with Chiang Kai-shek and it stressed the military power of the Communists who were doing the fighting against the Japanese.

Mr. Browder referred to Mr. Budenz as a former Party functionary whose chief responsibility was to pursue Communist work among Catholics, in which he is considered an expert. He could state without the slightest hesitation that he did not know the State Department aide, Halldore Hanson, or the former United Nations official, Dorothy Kenyon, either as members or friends of the Communist Party. John Service and John Carter Vincent, U.S. Minister to Switzerland, had never had any connection, direct or indirect, with the Communist Party.

He had never met Alger Hiss, former State Department official who was convicted of lying for saying he had never turned top secret documents over to a Communist ring for transmission to Russia. Mr. Browder added that he had never met Hiss' accuser, Whittaker Chambers, but knew that Chambers had been a Communist.

He refused to answer questions about whether he knew Elizabeth Bentley, John Abt, Nathan Witt, Jacob Golos, Ludwig Uhlman and Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, all of whom have figured either as witnesses or as the target of charges in recent Communist investigations.

In touch with Mao

Under questioning, witness also said that any wartime change in the policy of the United States Government toward China and the Chinese Communists was not dictated by the American Communist Party but by the necessities of global war.

The Committee counsel, Edward Morgan, asked witness if he had communicated with Chinese Communist leaders during the war. Witness replied that he had communicated with Mao Tse-tung to inform the President of the United States about the military situation inside China. He had reported to the late President Roosevelt that Chiang Kai-shek had diverted 1,000,000 Nationalist troops from the Japanese front to blockade the Communist area. This resulted, he added, in releasing 1,000,000 Japanese soldiers for war on other fronts.

It was at his meeting with the then Under-Secretary of State, Sumner Welles, in the State Department in 1942 that he received information of the change in United States Government policy toward China. He had promptly cabled that information to Madame Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking.

Earlier, Mr. Morgan had pressed Mr. Browder as to whether the Institute of Pacific Relations was an organization used to project the Communist view toward China. Witness said the organization had nothing to do with it. He admitted receiving letters during the war from Mao and said he passed the information they contained about the war along to President Roosevelt and had been informed that information was confirmed by the American High Command.

"I assume that this information played a decisive role in reforming the American position in China," he added.

Senator Joseph McCarthy told the Senate today that the State Department aide, Halldore Hanson, was named by Louis Budenz on Tuesday as an active member of the Communist Party.

Senator McCarthy said Mr. Budenz so identified Mr. Hanson

DON IDDON'S DIARY

The town of anxious dread

When I registered at the Carlton Hotel the elegant Englishman behind the desk said: "Are you going to write Washington up?" I said "Yes." That was before I had looked around.

I regret that I have to write Washington DOWN. If Hollywood is the city of dreadful anxiety, then Washington is the town of anxious dread.

The two places have much in common. Both are crammed with actors, strutters, headline-hunters, windbags, phonyes, social seekers, pressure groups, Pressmen, intriguers, five-per-centers, and whispering campaigners.

Sensation every day

Both are over-populated with pretty girls and unformed flunkies, overlaid with drug-stores, sandwich counters, traffic signals, and traps for tourists, and overhung with too many parties.

You could swap all the characters in Washington for all the characters in Hollywood and no one would notice the difference.

There are the stars or Senators, before the cameras; the supporting players, or Congressmen, backstage; the Kling lights, the fans, the reporters, and the gossip-writers.

And there is a sensation every day. Currently the Kansas City shootings are making everyone breathless.

Last week the featured attraction was "Spies in the State Department." Senator Joseph McCarthy got top billing. This week the box-office smash-hit is "These Guns for Hire."

There is no particular star in this underworld feature—only a group of talented gangster types who try to be politicians.

I think this masterpiece about mobsters will have a long run.

Honest views

The honest and decent people here, who, of course, comprise about 99.9 per cent. of the population, are getting rather tired of all the sensation.

Several have said to me: "The shootings in Kansas City are a national scandal, but don't make it an international one." And "This Red hunt is rubbish—no

one takes the charges seriously." Even the Daily News, not the most sensitive or scrupulous newspaper, says editorially:

"What with our State Department accused of harbouring Communists and queers, and the Truman crowd now bespattered with Binaggio's and Gargotta's gore, so to speak, the United States, and particularly the politicians in power at Washington, must look just dandy to the rest of the world."

Well, they said it, I didn't.

What is happening is that the enemies of the President and of the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, are doing everything to smear the present Administration.

Clean-up needed

There is no doubt that Washington needs a clean-up. The White House is being renovated, and Blair House, another official residence, is being repainted, but the spring-cleaning should be extended.

On the surface the capital looks resplendent. There are the spacious avenues, the magnificent Government buildings, the glossy hotels—but the opulence and beauty are skin-deep.

Washington is a city of dreadful slums. The Negro lives in squalor within sight of the Capitol dome. And Washington has the largest per capita Negro population of any city in the United States. Thirty per cent. of this town of 1,500,000 population are coloured.

They are condemned to filthy shacks. They are effectively segregated, kept out, and kept down.

No one, not even the global planners, knows what to do about them. The subject is not welcomed as a teacup or cocktail party topic.

When in the National Press Club—perhaps the best newspaperman's club in the world—I asked John O'Donnell, the ferocious and sometimes Anglophobic columnist of the New York Daily News, why no one in Washington had the right to vote, he changed the subject to Sir Basil Brooke and the partition of Ireland.

The reason, of course, why residents of Washington, the capital

of world democracy, the hope and inspiration of the free world, have no vote is because there are "too many Negroes here." The coloured vote might control the city.

So no one votes—not the taxpayers, not the political pundits who tell everyone else how to vote, not a householder, ever go near a ballot-box.

District Commissioners run the city, and not too well.

The anomalies of the city have a lighter side. There are so many Government girl workers that the town teems with pretty women, outnumbering the men by two to one.

And, in order to keep drinking down, there are no stand-up bars in the city (except in the National Press Club). Only cocktail lounges are allowed.

The result has been that four times as much alcohol is consumed in Washington as in the average American city.

Another result has been the non-stop cocktail party which flourishes here from dusk until dawn. Hostesses fight like tigresses to catch social lions.

All this lubrication is probably responsible for the extraordinary whispering campaigns which sweep the city regularly. Everyone has his ear cocked in the capital.

Everyone is on the inside, owns a personal pipeline, knows where the body is buried. The gossip is gargantuan.

Whispers are prompted by ambition, rivalry, and sometimes by hatred. They are often highly personalised.

All Government departments here use the whisper and use it regularly. If you are deaf you do not thrive in Washington. The British, being quick-eared and tight-lipped usually get along well.

At the moment we are being given soothing syrup. A few days ago we were being told who should be our War Minister, when and why the partition of Ireland should end, what to do with Marshall Plan money if we got it and how to behave.

It was asked: Who did we think we were—a Sovereign State, an Independent Nation, an Ally, or a kept woman?

These police questions have ended. Our friends now realize they went too far.

If we like we can choose our own Ministers as long as we don't tell them anything; we can postpone the Irish decision as long as we finally follow Dublin's advice; and also—we can drink tea, though not too many cups.

This is progress. I tell you the British are doing well here.

Heard about the capital: Among the things most often opened by mistake in Washington is the mouth.

The only place where Truman and Stalin would ever meet would be Last Resort.

There is no show news this week as there are no shows in Washington.

Footnote: The only office most politicians here seem interested in is the box-office.

UK WORKERS TO VISIT RUSSIA

London, April 27. Two parties of British trade unionists left London by air today to tour Communist countries.

One party of factory workers is to spend a fortnight in Russia at the invitation of Moscow trade unions.

The other, comprising eight trade union officials, is to visit Yugoslavia. —Reuter.

Chiang looking for air bases in Korea

London, April 27.

Reports from responsible authorities in Tokyo and Taiwan indicate that Chiang Kai-shek is seeking bases in Southern Korea from which to bomb industrial areas in Manchuria.

The reports said that the Chinese Nationalist delegation, including Generals Wu Teh-chen, Chu Shih-ming and Tsao Shih-chen, at present in Southern Korea, is seeking permission to establish bases there.

Informed sources here believe it is Chiang's intention to intensify the blockade of the China coast and to further undermine Communist China's economy by bombing Manchuria's power stations.

These reports were received with some apprehension here because it is feared that the move would result in Nationalist China's bombers becoming involved with Russian shipping, and possibly with Russian aircraft, which might provoke incidents leading to outright Russian armed intervention in the Far East.

Reports claim that the Nationalist Chinese mission led by General Yu Teh-chen visited Tokyo, whence they proceeded to Southern Korea on April 19. It is believed they discussed the project of bases in Southern Korea with General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, from whom, it is presumed, permission would have to be obtained.

In view of Southern Korea's strong advocacy of a Pacific Pact, it is believed here that the Government there would not be averse to making bases available to Nationalist blockade forces.

Some quarters here said it has long been anticipated that Chiang intended in some way to throw down the gauntlet to Russia in order to provoke World War III as the best means of restoring his Nationalist regime to power.

These quarters even suggested that Chiang might declare war on Russia if the United States showed signs of recognising Mao Tse-tung's Communist Government. By creating a situation wherein he could accuse Russia of active intervention, he could make a declaration of war, and thereby hope to force the United States to take sides. —United Press.

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Vietnam Premier resigns under French pressure

Saigon, April 27.

Bao Dai, Vietnam Chief of State, yielded to strong French pressure last night and signed a decree accepting the resignation of Nguyen Phan Long, the first appointed Premier of Vietnam. Members of Bao Dai's official delegation here said the Chief of State has designated Tran Van Huu, Governor of Southern Vietnam, as the new Premier.

There had been frequent criticism in Saigon that Nguyen Phan Long, by his failure to follow a strong course, was playing into the hands of the ultra-Nationalists.

French-supported Bao Dai is trying to rally the Indo-Chinese people into a State which will be a part of the French Union. He is being opposed by Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh, whose rebel government has been recognized by the Soviet Union.

French officials made no secret of the strong pressure France exerted on Bao Dai to dismiss Nguyen Phan Long.

The first break between the Premier and the French came last February when Nguyen Phan Long insisted that American aid should be given directly to the Vietnamese instead of being funneled through France. His independent line of action since then has made him unacceptable to the French.

Vietnamese circles have agreed that the French-sponsored Government has suffered significant loss of prestige in the Cabinet reshuffle. Most Vietnamese who are highly sovereignty conscious are interpreting it as further proof of French control of the three-month-old State—which had nominally been granted internal autonomy.

The Premier-designate, Tran Van Huu, is considered by most Vietnamese as strongly pro-

French. The 54-year-old Cochinchinese land owner holds French citizenship.

Agreement on U.S. aid

An agreement on the distribution of American military aid to Indo-China was announced in an interview here today by the French High Commissioner, M. Leon Pignon.

The agreement, he said, had been reached between the French Army and the State of Vietnam, led by Bao Dai, both of which are engaged in a bitter struggle with the Vietnamese, the nationalist forces led by Communist-trained Dr. Ho Chi-minh.

The American aid will be allocated through the "Service Francais du Materiel."

M. Pignon said the attachment of United States military observers to French divisions operating against the Vietnamese had not been discussed. M. Pignon said the French considered the measures taken by the terrorists in Saigon—the great Southern port and capital of Vietnam—to be satisfactory in a general way, but certain details were needed.

Referring to a recent suggestion by Vietnamese, a nationalist coalition group, that the French authorities should withdraw their recognition of ethnological minorities, M. Pignon said: "France has no intention of opposing Vietnam unity and would not precipitate developments respecting the manners and customs of minorities."—Associated Press and Reuter.

Hush-hush meetings of Western experts

London, April 27.

Diplomats of Britain, France and the United States met twice today to plan next month's highly important "Big Three" conference.

The American delegation, headed by Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U.S. Ambassador-at-large, was the centre of today's activities. The Americans held separate conferences with both the British and French. There was no session of all the three powers at the same time.

Not a single official word has come from these preparatory talks since they opened on Monday. At that time the British Foreign Office and an American Embassy spokesman both made brief statements.

The silence surrounding the meetings has gone so far that an American spokesman even refused to acknowledge that the "Big Three" meeting will be a conference. The official American line was that it is to be just an informal gathering made possible because the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, will be here to attend the Atlantic Pact Council on May 15.

American security included armed Marine guards posted before the American delegation's quarters on the second floor of the American Embassy.

Dr. Jessup, usually accessible to newsmen at the United Nations and on his other diplomatic assignments, has secluded himself this time. He is acting under strict orders from Mr. Acheson.

American efforts to make the conference itself seem unimportant run counter to the impressions distributed from British

quarters. It is freely admitted around the Foreign Office that the conference is probably the most important diplomatic meeting since the war.

Preparations for the "Big Three" meeting are probably being more thoroughly made than for any meeting since the United Nations met in San Francisco near the end of the war to draw up their Charter.

The preparatory talks are to include every major diplomatic problem in the world, every facet of Western unity and defence against Communism.

They are following the same pattern as that laid down for the "Big Three" meetings themselves, both separate meetings of two of the three countries and full meetings among experts of all three nations.

The preparatory conversations will continue throughout next week, then Dr. Jessup will fly to Paris to meet Mr. Acheson, who is to confer with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, on May 8.

Dr. Jessup will be able to give the Secretary of State a complete report on the course of the discussions here.

After the meeting with M. Schuman, Mr. Acheson comes here for separate talks with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, before all three Ministers join for the policy-making sessions.

It is understood that official information will be more freely distributed after the "Big Three" begin meeting.—Associated Press.

Turks reject proposal for Dardanelles

Washington, April 27.

Ambassador Faridun Erkin said today that Turkey has rejected finally and conclusively Moscow proposals for joint Russian-Turkish control of the Dardanelles.

Mr. Erkin told reporters that a 30-minute conference with the Under-Secretary of State, James Webb, touched on that subject but there was no need of discussion.—Associated Press.

MINE SHARES TO GO TO U.S.

London, April 27.

The United States will get part ownership of the rich Belgian Congo uranium mines which furnish 90 per cent of the world's uranium under the sale of shares in the Tanganyika Concessions, Ltd., it was announced by the British Government tonight.

The United States has received the entire output of the Belgian Congo uranium mines—about 60,000 tons—since the war.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told the House of Commons that the Bank of England will sell 1,667,981 ordinary 10-shilling shares in Tanganyika Concessions, Ltd., to an Anglo-Belgian group of investors. The Anglo-Belgian group intends selling about 750,000 shares to an American group of investors.—United Press.

Anti-KMT move fails by one vote at UN

Lake Success, April 27.

Russia walked out of the United Nations Commission for Conventional Armaments today after failing by a margin of one vote to unseat the Chinese Nationalists.

The 4-3 vote to keep Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists in their seats was immediately challenged by Russia on the grounds that China had cast a decisive vote in its own favour.

The Soviet walk-out was the 23rd in a row started when Russia left the Security Council last January 13.

It came after the closest vote yet returned on the question of Chinese representation. India and Yugoslavia joined Russia in voting to expel the Nationalists. The United States, France, Cuba and China voted against the Russian motion to eject them. Britain, Norway, Ecuador and Egypt abstained.

The Chief Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, appeared in person for the latest Soviet walk-out. His performance followed the pattern made familiar by the Russians in the last three months. He declared: "The Soviet delegation considers the maintenance of the Kuomintang group illegal and insists on the removal of its representative from this commission." He then moved formally to eject the Nationalists.

The Chinese delegate, S.S. Hsu, asked the Commission's chairman, Dr. Homero Viteri Lafont of Ecuador, to declare the Russian motion out of order. Viteri Lafont said the rules of procedure permitted the Arms Commission to decide on the credentials of its members.

The Commission has before it a French plan for a world census of conventional armaments excluding atomic weapons. The group voted unanimously in Russia's absence to send the resolution to the working committee with instructions for that group to report not later than July 13.—United Press.

U.S. TALKS ON AIR STRATEGY

Camp Mackall, North Carolina, April 27.

General Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Chief of Staff, disclosed today that senior air officers have just completed a review of secret overall air force plans at a two and a half day meeting at Ramey air base, Puerto Rico.

The meeting, which General Vandenberg described as routine, gave the officers an opportunity to discuss the Air Force's strategic situation in the light of the recent cold war developments unfavourable to the U.S.

Air Force officers were brought in from Japan, Alaska, Germany and England as well as the United States. They included Lieutenant-General George Stratemeyer, Commander of the Far East Air Force, Lieutenant-General Nathan Twining, Alaskan Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General John Cannon, Commander of the European Air Force, and Major-General John Johnson, Commander of the Third Air Division in England.—United Press.

Washington, April 27.
The Senate today refused by 42 votes to 35 to bring Franco-Spain into the Marshall Plan.—Associated Press.

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NATIONALISM MORE ACTIVE IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, April 27.

Nationalist groups in West Germany have become more active since military government ended last Autumn, the U.S. High Commissioner, John McCloy, informed the State Department in a letter made public today. In the letter, dated March 30 and addressed to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the Marshall Plan administrator, Paul Hoffman, with a copy to President Harry Truman, Mr. McCloy said although Nationalism is a force which must be increasingly reckoned with, it is no immediate major threat.

Japan wants trade with Red China

Tokyo, April 28.

The Japanese House of Representatives today unanimously approved a resolution appealing for the exchange of trade missions with Communist China and the resumption of direct trade with continental China.

The resolution said these measures constituted an "important problem" to Japan which confronts the prospect of decreasing United States aid. It said they were basic measures necessary to solve Japan's domestic business recession.

It pointed out that trade with Asia composed 55 per cent of Japan's total nominal pre-war trade volume and more than half of this was dominated by trade with China.

Britain, India, Sweden, Russia and other countries have already recognized the new China Government and "United States recognition through recognition of the United Nations is anticipated in the not too distant future," it was pointed out.

The resolution said trade promotion is absolutely an essential link in the life of Japan, and added: "From a purely economic viewpoint entirely dissociated from any problems of political issues or ideology, the Government should set up an aggressive policy toward exchanging trade missions with New China and resuming direct trade as early as possible and make every effort to realize these objectives."

United Press.

U.S. protests PI import control

Washington, April 28.

A State Department spokesman today protested as discriminatory a provision of the import control bill now before the Philippine Congress.

The provision reserves 40 per cent of import trade for Filipino merchants.

The spokesman said the Department of State had protested the provision, alleging that it violates Article 10 of the Trade Agreement Act between the Philippines and the U.S. Government. Article 10 stipulates that American business in the Philippines shall receive equal treatment with Filipinos.

The spokesman pointed out that in its formal protest, the State Department warned the Philippines that President Truman can suspend the entire trade agreement if its terms are violated.—Associated Press.

Rome, April 28.

The creation of a permanent office in Paris of administrators of Chambers of Commerce was approved today by the closing session of the World Congress of Chambers of Commerce. The office, to be in the office of the International Chamber of Commerce, will deal with legislation affecting Chambers of Commerce in different countries and will organize congresses and assemblies.—Associated Press.

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11.30—A Date With Dreamland.
11.45—Bedtime.

12.00—Good Night.

The letter said, "In Western Germany, nationalism and nationalist groups have become more active and more vocal than during the period of complete control by military government."

"This nationalism, while present and suggesting further problems, does not constitute a major immediate threat in Western Germany today. However, it remains a force which must be reckoned with increasingly as Germany develops an autonomous civic, economic and cultural life."

"Its mere existence, however, points up the necessity of encouraging the growth and the strengthening of the democratic forces of Germany and of moving toward the development of internal and international conditions which will prevent the overstimulating of latent nationalist feeling."

Mr. McCloy termed the establishment of the West German Federal Republic only a partial realization of the U.S. political goal of a united Germany, but said it was an important step forward in the achievement of the Joint Allied political objectives in Germany.

Crucial period

He said, "This is a crucial period for Germany, in which we should redouble our efforts to guide German public attitudes in the direction of the free Western world."

"This atmosphere of freedom, in which new attitudes will have full opportunity for development, exists in Western Germany in sharp contrast to the suppression of freedom in the Soviet zone."

The report estimated that 30,000 refugees arrive in West Germany every month, principally from the Soviet zone. "Because of their plight, the refugees are susceptible to undesirable political influence and the stirrings of demagogic leadership," the report said.

It said a united refugee party

could become a strong force in any ineffectual nationalism, although such a party had not yet emerged.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN INDUSTRY CLAIMS

London, April 27.

Radio Moscow said today that the gross output of all Soviet industry was 22 per cent higher in the first quarter of 1950 compared with production figures not revealed.

Some important sectors of Soviet economy failed to reach their quotas under the production plan. These included metallurgical with 99 per cent, coal 99 per cent, oil 94 per cent, agricultural machinery 98 per cent, transport engineering 98 per cent, building materials industry 97 per cent, timber and paper 88 per cent, meat and dairy 94 per cent, food industry 90 per cent and industrial co-operatives 95 per cent.

Higher production was also reported in steel, pig iron, rolled metal, railway rails, oil, copper, trucks and cars and ball bearings.

The broadcast said that 25 per cent of the goods was sold to the population. Following the price decreases of March 1, it said, March sales jumped 45 per cent over the previous month.

Moscow radio said: "As a result of the reduction of State retail prices and a drop in the prices of collective farm markets and co-operative trade there was a substantial increase in the purchasing power of the ruble, an important rise in real factory wages and peasant income."

The number of workers increased by 2,000,000 during the first quarter of 1950 and productivity was 13 per cent higher than in the comparable period of 1949.—United Press.

Demand for reopening of London tea mart

London, April 27.

Reopening of the London Tea Market was called for today by the "Financial Times".

The newspaper said in an editorial that the disadvantages of the prolongation of the Anglo-Ceylon tea argument are obvious.

"In the first place there is a danger that the quantity of Ceylon tea that will ultimately be available for purchase by Britain will be so reduced that the maintenance of the British tea ration at its present level will be jeopardized."

U.S. BUILDING UP A CASE

London, April 27.

American authorities today laid the groundwork for further protests to Russia by concluding that the plane which was seen to have come from the Navy "Privateer", missing with 10 men aboard.

The assembly, identified as of the "Privateer" type on Wednesday night by United States officials in Stockholm, could only have come from the missing "Privateer" plane.

We know of no other Privateers flying in the area at the time, and the wheel is definitely from a Privateer, an American source said.

The statement referred to a punctured and apparently bullet-scattered 325-pound assembly, the first concrete evidence linked directly with the plane that disappeared on April 6 when Russian fighters fired on an American plane.

Three more yellow rubber suits, possibly from the missing plane, have been found on the beaches of the Danish Baltic Island of Langeland.

In addition, a small book in English has been washed ashore. One suit with English markings was found on Wednesday morning by a Langeland farmer.

Local police authorities said all four rubber suits "seem" to be identical. The book, police said, was almost destroyed by water but English words can be clearly read. Police officers who inspected the book believe it was a list of names.

The suits and the book will be sent to the American Embassy in Copenhagen for further examination.—Associated Press.

Rapprochement between Tito and Greece

Athens, April 27.

Greek Government leaders today welcomed Marshal Tito's announcement about the restoration of Yugoslav relations with Greece.

In a joint statement, the Prime Minister, General Nikolaos Plastiras, the Deputy Premier, M. Georges Pandrou, and the Economic Minister, M. Emanuel Tsolouros, said that the announcement had made a most agreeable impression on the Greek Government.

Marshal Tito's announcement was a surprise to Government quarters here. They were not expecting any developments before the return of the Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires, who left yesterday for Belgrade.—Reuter.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 845 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

P.M.

12.15—Morning Prayers (Studio)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.32—Alfred Campbell and His Orch.—Joseph Schmidt (Studio)

1.00—Terry Laidlaw Quartet (Studio)

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"Hail and Music"—The Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (ONHR)

2.00—"Force Choice"—Presented by Jeffrey Brooks (Studio)

2.30—"American Hit Parade"—A [Programme of Record Hits (Broadcast, Presented by Lionel Lyle (Studio)

3.00—Hospital Requests—Presented by Linda Carter (Studio)

4.00—World News (London Relay)

4.10—"A La Carte"—A Light Variety Programme (Studio)

4.30—"Have a Go"—A Quiz Programme Introduced by Wilfred Pickles from the Memorial Hall Pavilion Street, London. (BBC7B)

6.00—"Unit Requests"—Lionel Lyle (Studio)

6.58—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

6.00—"The Adventures of Richard Hannay"—By John Buchan, No 5 "The Thirty-nine Steps" (London Relay)

6.30—"It's Swing Time"

7.00—"A Light Spanish Programme"

7.30—"Variety Bandbox"—From the Camberwell Palace, London. (BBC7B)

8.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay)

8.15—"Saturday Round-Up"—(Studio)

8.30—London Studio Melodies—The Macmillan Orchestra. (BBC7B)

9.00—"From the Editorials"—(London Relay)

9.10—Weather Report.

9.15—Sports Results (Studio)

9.16—"The Canterbury Tales"—Chaucer's Four Adapted for Broadcasting by Nevill Coghill, No. 12: "The Squire's Tale." (BBC7B)

9.55—Interlude.

10.00—World News and News Analysis from Britain. (London Relay)

10.15—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.30—F. A. Cup Final—Arsenal V Liverpool at Wembley. (London Relay)

12.45—Weather Report.

God Save the King.

Close Down.

LIE UNDECIDED ON MOSCOW TRIP

Cherbourg, April 27.

Dr. Trygve Lie, who has not yet made up his mind whether he will go to Moscow.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations continued to England after the liner Queen Mary docked here briefly. He will confer in London with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin and Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Britain's U. N. delegate.

"It is in Paris, where I shall spend May 4 and 5, that I shall decide whether to go to Moscow," Dr. Lie said.

He will visit the Hague on May 6 and later go to Geneva, and will return to the U. S. on May 15 if he does not go to Moscow.—Associated Press.

EGYPT PROTESTS TO PERSIA

Tehran, April 27.

Egypt has sent a note to Persia protesting against her *de facto* recognition of Israel.

Recognition was negotiated through the United Nations and announced on March 15.—Reuter.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

China Hing (Chung Hing) Chines
2215 tons ex-Manila .. Yau.
Clydeus (H & S) British 4838 tons ex-
Singapore .. Tolia.
Dun Joo (Graham & Co) Portuguese
3605 tons ex-Manila .. LCK
Pres. Taft (APL) American 4036 tons
ex-Pacific Coast .. A.7
Brisbane & S British 1654 tons
ex-Manila .. 15
Takung (Jardine) 1951 tons ex-
London .. KD

TODAY

Bennet (Lorley) ex-LK
Star Arcturus (Everett) ex-Keelung
Tallman (Thorson) ex-U.K.

TOMORROW

Fernside (Thorson) ex-Atlantic Coast
Philippine Transport (Jardine) ex-
Pacific Coast.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Hai Lee (Thorson) for Singapore.
Jule Leaf (Wing Luen) for Macao.

TODAY

Bennet (Lorley) for Manila.
Chongang (Jardine) for Icheon.
Pres. Taft (APL) for Kobe.
Reberet (Everett) for Manila.

TOMORROW

Bennet (Lorley) for Europe.
Bongaville (Hank) for Pacific Coast.
Hermes (Thorson) for Yokohama.
Hewang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
Hinsang (Jardine) for Straits.
Gertrude Maerk (Jensen) for Atlantic
Coast.
Pioneer Sea (USL) for Atlantic Coast.

Vessels In Port

Allegranza (H) (Mollers) .. KD
A. Zahar (Mollers) .. KD
Almiral Hardy (Tung Loh) .. KX
Brown Ranger (NSO) .. KX
Cowan (Gilmann) .. KX
Cheong (CNSN) .. Yau
Chung Hing (Johann) .. B.19
Chiao Jen (CNSN) .. K.D.
Chung Hing (Chung Hing) .. Yau
Chung (Jardine) .. B.10
Cloverleaf (Holland) .. SO
Clydeus (H & S) .. Hols.
Davies (Lee Yung) .. B.5
Dun Joo (Graham & Co) .. Me. wh.
Dun Vise (Graham) .. LCK
Dun Yu (CNSN) .. Yau
Drepa (H & S) .. APC
Eastern Venture (Metro) .. H.13
Emol (Lee Tai Hong) .. Yau
Empire Disk (Yuen Tung) .. SO
Empire Mountain (Sinton) .. Yau
Fook Wah (Holly) .. Yau
Fort Charlotte (RAP) .. NY
Hainan (Lee Bros) .. B.28
Hail (Hail) (CNSN) .. B.28
Hail Kiao (CNSN) .. B.17
Hail Kin (Lee Bros) .. B.28
Hail Nan (CNSN) .. Yau
Hewang (Jardine) .. B.18
Hinsang (Jardine) .. B.18
Ho Kwang (APC) .. C.D.
Hung Cheng (CNSN) .. Yau
Hup (H & S) .. B.8
Hunan (H & S) .. C.2
Inchuan (Williamson) .. Yau
Jachuan (Williamson) .. SO
Lala Vinyas (Mannere) .. Yau
Jep Hoe (Jensen) .. H.17
Johnson (Kin Da) .. Yau
La Chorrera (Wing Sun) .. Yau
Leong Deo (Holland) .. Yau
Mabua .. Yau
Maine (NSO) .. B.5
Mian (Holland) .. SO
Ping Hain (China S/S) .. SC
Nan Chiang (Eastern) .. Yau
Newchwang (H & S) .. B.29
Noburg (Wallen) .. A.14
North Star (Eastern) .. TO
Oriental .. TO
Orlita (Trinity) .. A.16
Ouarda (Mac Mac) .. A.11
Peploe (Sinton) .. SO
Peploe (Sinton) .. SO
Prince Savor (Mollers) .. KD
Promis .. KD
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Polava (Metro) .. KD
Pong (H & S) .. B.29
Pres. Taft (APL) .. B.29
Rajput (Hank) .. Me. wh.
Romantic (Wallen) .. Yau
Routa (Carroll) .. Yau
Narcenome (HIFB) .. SO
Sargen (Eastern) .. TO
San Antonio (Yick Yuen) .. B.11
San Rensio (Mannere) .. SO
Sao Eduardo (Mannere) .. C.2
Union (Confidential) .. SO
Shengking (H & S) .. C.2
Surprise (USL) .. A.5
Szechuan (H & S) .. B.5
Takung (Jardine) .. KD
Taktung (H & S) .. B.29
Tibadak (RIL) .. A.17
Tonghai (Gilmann) .. A.10
Tren Maerk (Jensen) .. KW
Union Star (Chinese Union) .. Yau
Union Trader (Chinese Union) .. Yau
Valve (Hing Hing) .. Yau
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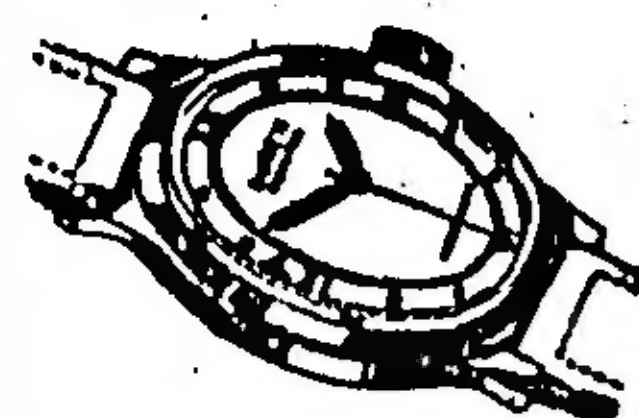
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AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

Fernside (Thorson) .. 20
April
Anita (Lorley) .. 3
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Fifth Race Meeting:

HELLZAPOPPIN EXPECTED TO WIN ST. GEORGE'S PLATE

(By "RAPIER")

The Fifth Race Meeting, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held at the Valley this afternoon, consisted originally of 10 events, but owing to the large number of entries for the "Mount Nicholson Stakes," the Stewards have decided to run the race in two sections.

The Second section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m. There will be no Cash Sweep on this race.

The most important race of the afternoon is the St. George's Plate, a handicap event for Australian Ponies of 1950.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will begin at 2.00 p.m.

The death of Mr. Percy Tester last Sunday has left a gap in the Stewards' department which will be hard to fill.

Mr. Tester, by his genial disposition and unassuming manner, had endeared himself to all who knew him and his death has evoked general expressions of sympathy.

On behalf of my readers, I extend to his relatives the fullest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Race No. 1—Mount Gough Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The first event on the programme is confined to Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 4 Ponies to be ridden by riders who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time.

No whips or spurs allowed. From the entries, the following should be worth watching: Liberty Ship (Mr. Chuang), Penforce (Mr. H. C. Woo), Hong Kong Slutz (Mr. Mok), Top Hat (Mr. Dau) and Happy Valley (Mr. Tsang).

I strongly fancy Liberty Ship, as the distance is well suited for this pony, although it failed to gain a place at the last meeting over six furlongs.

Main challenge should come from Penforce, which is quite at home over this distance and should not be ignored, as it is being quietly improved.

Then there is Hong Kong Slutz to be considered, as it is quite capable of giving the above-mentioned ponies a good fight, while Top Hat, a fast improving pony, may probably extend them.

Happy Valley, on account of its fitness at the moment, might cause an upset.

Race No. 2—Talmoshan Stakes: From The 1 1/4 Mile Post.

Looking over the entries for this sprint event, I don't think there is much doubt but that Robin Hood (Mr. Mui), will win, unless something out of the ordinary happens.

Hung Fung (Mr. Maitland), which has not as yet done anything of note so far, should have no difficulty in taking second place.

For the third position Mr. Darling (Mr. Stiles) and Winged (Mr. T. L. Wong), should fight out the issue.

Race No. 3—Mount Davis Handicap: One Mile.

In this race, Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class 4, will fight out the issue and among the entries I expect one of the following to be the winner: True Love (Mr. Nodd), Wonderful Mare (Mr. Holgate), Henrietta (Mr. Symonds), Goldfield (Mr. Renner) and Eleanor (Mr. Won Yan).

True Love, in view of its fourth placing in the Talmoshan Stakes over this distance at the Easter Race Meeting, has the best recommendation for a win here, but it will have to give of its best to beat Wonderful Mare, which ran unplaced in the Monksdale Handicap at the last meeting, when it was made how favourite.

Henrietta should give the above two ponies a good fight for the first position.

Goldfield and Eleanor are good over this distance and I think either one of them could cause an upset.

Race No. 4—Mount Nicholson Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This sprint race is confined to Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 9.

For its win in the Shamshuip Handicap over the mile at the last meeting for Novice jockeys, Diamondfield (Mr. Cook), has been paraded by 15 lbs., but in view of that performance, I don't think the extra weight will ruin its chances of winning again.

There is Emperor Gate (Mr. Needa), which ran unplaced in this same race with Mr. Castro up, to be reckoned with, as the distance is just to its liking.

Amsterdam (Mr. Tsang), is another pony to watch as it has regained some of its old form, judging from its fourth placing in the above race.

Betty Lou (Mr. T. L. Wong) and Trial Trip (Mr. Shu), disappointed badly at the last meeting and over this distance will probably do better.

Race No. 5—Mount Gough Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

Second Section of Class 4, Australian Ponies of previous seasons will try conclusions here over this distance.

Looking at the entries, Probability (Mr. K. F. Chiu), after coming in third in the Tai Hang Handicap (Second Section), over six furlongs on the second day of the Easter Meeting, certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

I expect Shun Fun (Mr. Renfrew), which ran third under Mr. Kwok in the First Section of the above race, to give it a good fight.

Meteorologist (Mr. Needa), failed badly in its last outing in not gaining a place with Mr. Shu up, but should do better with Mr. Needa in the saddle over the above distance.

For those who are looking for outsiders, I suggest keeping D Day (Mr. Chanson) and Autumn Leaf (Mr. Tao), in mind.

Race No. 6—St. George's Plate: One Mile.

This is the main event of the afternoon and is a handicap race for Australian ponies of 1950.

Bambi will again be ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih, but its chances of winning are not too rosy on account of its heavy burden of 150 lbs, but it may be placed.

Helzapoppin will be taken out by Mr. Renfrew and, in view of its win in the Tai Hang Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting with Mr. Black up, I think it ought to win.

Ben More (Mr. Black) is, of course, the danger, and I expect to see it fighting out the finish.

Debutante (Mr. Nodd), is also in the race, as its weight has come down another 9 lbs since taking third place in the above race against Helzapoppin.

Cleopatra (Mr. Thomas), is another good pony to bear in mind on account of its low weight of 139 lbs.

Race No. 7—Mount Kellist Handicap: Six Furlongs.

Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class 3, will gather together for this event and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between four ponies only.

Acquisition (Mr. Maitland), will undoubtedly be made how favourite and on form, it should certainly have no difficulty in winning.

Hoi Wong (Mr. Renfrew), should fill second place.

For the third position, I think Bonnie Eyes (Mr. K. F. Chiu), is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on Sandit (Mr. Castro).

Race No. 8—Mount Parker Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

A perusal of the entries in this race reserved for the first lot of Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8, gives the impression that one need not look further for a good account of themselves in this race and should not be entirely neglected.

In Estrellita (Mr. Thomas), we have a pony which is quite capable of upsetting calculations.

Race No. 9—Victoria Peak Handicap: One Mile.

Gypsy Diamond won the Shamshuip Handicap over this distance for Class 8 ponies at the last meeting, carrying 155 lbs.

It will again be taken out by Mr. K. F. Chiu this afternoon and with the weight reduced by 15 lbs, I consider its prospects of securing another win rather bright.

"Rapier's" selections for today

Race No. 1—Mount Gough Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

LIBERTY SHIP
PENFORCE
TOP HAT
Outsider: Hong Kong Slutz.

Race No. 2—Talmoshan Stakes: From The 1 1/4 Mile Post.

ROBIN HOOD
HUNG FUNG
MY DARLING
Outsider: Winged.

Race No. 3—Mount Davis Handicap: One Mile.

TRUE LOVE
WONDERFUL MARE
GOLDFIELD
Outsider: Eleanor.

Race No. 4—Mount Nicholson Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

DIAMONDFIELD
EMPEROR GATE
BETTY LOU
Outsider: Trial Trip.

Race No. 5—Mount Gough Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

PROBABILITY
METEOROLOGIST
SHUN FUNG
Outsider: Autumn Leaf.

Race No. 6—St. George's Plate: One Mile.

HELLZAPOPPIN
BEN MORE
BAMBI
Outsider: Cleopatra.

Race No. 7—Mount Kellist Handicap: Six Furlongs.

ACQUISITION
HOI WONG
BONNIE EYES
Outsider: Sandit.

Race No. 8—Mount Parker Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

SHARPSHOOTER
SULPHUR
HAPPY BOY
Outsider: Estrellita.

Race No. 9—Victoria Peak Handicap: One Mile.

GYPSY DIAMOND
HIGH STRAIGHT
GOOD LUCK
Outsider: Corrib.

Race No. 10—Mount Parker Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

BALLERINA
BUSTED STRAIGHT
SPYRING BATTLE
Outsider: Sprinter.

Race No. 11—Mount Nicholson Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

BRONTE
AME CLIPPER
ARAXY
Outsider: Concor.

High Straight (Mr. Williams), certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset.

Good Luck (Mr. Chen Poo), is not bad over this distance and can be depended to give the above two ponies a good run for the first position.

Corrib (Mr. Ostroumoff), is another pony to bear in mind, but it may disappoint again.

Race No. 10—Mount Parker Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This is the second section of the race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8.

On account of the low weight which it will be carrying, 139 lbs, Sprinter (Mr. Renfrew), is a decided menace.

Race No. 11—Mount Nicholson Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is the last race of the day and will be contested by second section of Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8.

A good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing and I would suggest that a careful note be taken of the draw for position.

Arax (Mr. Tsang), which came in second and third in the Shamshuip Handicap over the mile at the Easter Meeting, for Class 8 ponies, will be well placed.

Two other ponies which will be ridden by Mr. Renfrew this afternoon are:

40 Inf. Div. Rifle meet:

I Royal Leicesters win Divisional Unit Championship

The 1st Battalion Royal Leicestershire Regiment won the Divisional Unit Championship at the 40 Infantry Division Rifle Meeting at Kai Tak Ranges yesterday, when the three-day Meet was brought to a successful conclusion.

An exciting finish marked the final of the Falling Plate Competition, which was won by the 1st Staffordshire Regiment, who beat HQ CREME by two plates.

The Invitation Falling Plate Competition was won by the Royal Air Force, who scored a narrow one plate victory over 3 Marine Commando.

Soccer:

42 Cdo. trounce Argylls 7-0

In a fast moving soccer match played at Boundary Street on Wednesday, 42 Commando easily defeated the Argylls team by seven clear goals.

The heavy state of the ground and an experimental defence contributed largely to the downfall of the Argylls, who further had the misfortune to find the Marines' forward line, especially their centre-forward, in top form.

Apart from a few raids on the 42 Commando goal, which were effectively broken up by a sure defence or by a sure and confident goalkeeper, the Argylls spent the greater part of the game on the defensive.

The first goal resulted from a fine bout of interpassing on the right wing.

Thereafter, the Marines proceeded to do everything with score, the ball striking the uprights, crossbar and sides of the net time and again.

Eventually, the Marines netted their second goal, the interval arriving with them leading by two goals to nil.

After the re-start, the Commando forwards swept straight up the field and netted a glorious goal without any of the defenders touching the ball.

Play continued at a fast pace, both sides playing hard, but few further goals were scored following fine movements by the Commandos.

The Commandos obtained their seventh and last goal through Suggers, their right-half.

KBCG LAWN BOWLS TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a Friendly Lawn Bowls Match against Kowloon Dock Club, to be played at Hung Hom on Saturday, April 29, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

J. Tindall, R. H. Browne, A. Hutton, C. Downman (Skip), W. Conway, A. J. Roberts, F. Plume, L. Guy (Skip), P. Hughes, F. C. Cleme, G. C. Norman, L. Sykes (Skip), L. Gaddi, W. Wren, D. Trail, A. Eastman (Skip), D. S. Oliver, W. Russell, A. Bailey, E. Greenwood (Skip).

Reserve: L. C. Harris.

U.S. BASEBALL

New York, April 27.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 7 8 0
New York 2 8 2
Winning pitcher: Ellis Kinder, loser Tompmy Byrne.

Washington 3 7 1
Philadelphia 4 7 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 9 13 0
Brooklyn 2 8 3
Winning pitcher: Robin Roberts, loser Frechlar Roe.

New York 1 6 2
Boston 2 4 0
Winning pitcher: Warren Spahn, loser Dave Koala.

St. Louis 5 7 1
Pittsburgh 2 8 1
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has improved a great deal in its morning gallops since its last outing, when it ran unplaced in the Pokfulam Handicap (Third Section) at the last meeting over the 1-1/2 mile post for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8.

Then there is Concor (Mr. Renfrew), which has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to beat Arax.

Typical (Mr. Maitland) is another pony good over this distance.

Softball:

Braves blank Americans 4-0 to win Senior title

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Prince Simon favourite for the Derby

London, April 27.

Prince Simon, the American colt owned by Mr. William Woodward, was made a 9 to 4 favourite for the Derby at the callover at the Victoria Club tonight.

At the last callover, four days ago, 15 to 2 was available about Prince Simon. This big cut in his price followed his brilliant show in the Two Thousand Guineas when he was narrowly beaten by Palestine.

The best-backed horse was Lord Roseberry's Castle Rock, who closed a 10 to 1 chance. The third favourite was Madame Volterra's L'Amiral at 100 to 8.

Masked Light, a 9 to 1 second favourite at the last callover, was not quoted. This followed the statement by one of his joint owners that he was not certain to start at Epsom.

Eight horses were quoted and a fair amount of business was done on them all.

The prices were: 9 to 4 against Prince Simon, 10 to 1 Castle Rock, 100 to 8 L'Amiral, 100 to 7 Pardal, 100 to 6 The Golden Foreas, 20 to 1 Geraphar, 25 to 1 any others.

1,000 Guineas field

A field of 17 runners is likely to go to the post for the One Thousand Guineas, the first of the fillies' Classics, to be run over one mile at Newmarket tomorrow. Horses and riders are as follows:

Don Du Ciel (B. Smith), Happy Haven (W. Rickaby), Summer Seas (D. Smith), Gansines (E. Smith), Upper Boats (T. Lowry), Diablerette (C. Smith), Tambora (Gordon Richards), Stella Polaris (E. Britt), Scullillating (E. C. Elliott), Grecian Flower (F. Barlow), Brilliance (A. Bressley), Nassau (P. Gomez), Camaroe (W. Johnson), Flying Slipper (W. H. Carr), Banquise III (T. Gosling). All carry nine stone.—Reuter.

Upsets in English golf championships

London, April 27.

One of the biggest upsets of form was produced today in the first two rounds of the English Amateur Golf Championships at the Royal Cinque Ports, Deal.

Five Walker Cup players, two of them former holders of the title, and another former holder, were defeated in the first round.

Arthur Perowne (Norwich), Harry Bentley (Hesket), Gerald Micklen (Widnesse), Ernest Millward (Parkstone) and Kenneth Thom (Hendon) were all eliminated.

The former holder, Leonard Crawley (Rye) was also surprisingly beaten.

The only former title-holder to reach the next stage was Ian Patey (Sandway). Two of last year's English Internationals, Jack Jones (Birkdale) and Dixon Rawlinson (Southport and Alncliffe), and John Langley (Stoke Porges), a former Walker Cup player, all reached the quarter-finals.—Reuter.

SUSSEX BEAT HAMPSHIRE BY FOUR WICKETS

Southampton, April 27.

Sussex beat Hampshire by four wickets in a two-day friendly match which ended here today after snow and rain had prevented play yesterday.

Batting first, Hampshire made 179 runs for six wickets declared, and Sussex scored 195 runs for six.

N. McCorkell, Hampshire's wicketkeeper, and N. Rogers featured in an opening partnership of 109. McCorkell made 61.

James Langridge, the Sussex captain, took three for 20 with his left-arm slow deliveries and F. Gates, right-arm medium pace bowler, captured three for 55.

John Langridge was the top scorer for Sussex with 69, while his elder brother, James, was next best with 54. John hit nine boundaries.—Reuter.

GUINEAS RESULT

Newmarket, April 28.

Canard won the One Thousand Guineas here today in a photo finish for second place behind Prince Simon.

Ontario and Tambora dead-heat, Camaroe won by three lengths, Belina was 10/1 favourite, 80/1 Calicut and 10/1 Tambora. Retained run.—Reuter.

Braves dished out near-perfect ball to earn the Senior Softball title when they blanked the Americans 4-0 in the final play-off yesterday. Despite the threatening weather, a large gathering of partisan fans flocked out to King's Park to witness a fast moving game.

Braves mentor Charlie Figueiredo can now breathe a sigh of relief, for after nursing his outfit to the championship, they did not let him down, but went out to give their best display of the season, the only bungle being a wild heave from short-stop to first base.

For the first four and a half innings, no runner dented the rubber, and it was in the bottom of the fifth that Braves hurler Chappy Remedios lined out a Texas Leaguer with two away, to nudge Gerry Gosano over the platter for the first run of the game.

The Hal Wingles Annual Award Ladies Senior Batting—Avarita Choy.

The Alvaro Osmund Annual Award: Men's Junior Batting—Eddie Remedios.

The Margold Annual Award: Ladies Junior Batting—C. Annulphy.

The China Mail MVP Award: To be announced tonight.

Starting times at Fanling

The following are the starting times on the Old and New Courses at Fanling today and tomorrow, including the starting times for the "England" versus "Scotland" match to be played tomorrow:

Today

Old Course
2.15 L. L. Shaw—T. A. Butler.
2.25 D. G. McAvoy—L. W. Hill.

Tomorrow

Old Course
10.00 A. R. de Pinna—A. Lopes.
10.04 P. M. Cotton—F. K. Wallace.

10.08 D. L. Anderson—W. N. Gray.

10.12 S. S. Gordon—R. W. A. Mackichan.

10.16 W. O. Davies—K. A. Miller.

10.20 W. P. Birtwhistle—W. Hogarth.

10.24 J. K. Ketola—K. M. Almas.

10.28 P. A. Laroché—F. de Jong.

New Course
10.00 Mrs. F. D. Hunter—Mrs. F. D. Hunter.

10.08 Mrs. G. Stewart—Mrs. E. H. Sainsbury.

10.16 Mrs. K. M. Almas—Mrs. C. J. Ketola.

Old Course
9.10 R. K. Collins—K. S. Robertson.

9.20 E. T. McMullen—D. S. Robb.

9.24 F. G. Harrison—T. D. Drysdale.

9.28 R. E. Bailey—G. Stewart.

9.32 N. J. Whelpton—W. H. Paterson.

9.36 W. J. Biddwell—T. B. Dow.

9.40 E. H. Sainsbury—R. S. Barry.

9.44 W. Stoker—A. H. McBride.

9.48 Q. P. Ferguson—H. C. Watson.

9.52 J. H. Collis—J. B. P. Skirling.

9.56 A. M. Nolan—J. D. Mackie.

New Course
9.16 R. D. Bell—W. G. Robertson.

9.20 H. M. Snow—H. R. Cleland.

9.24 A. Pearce—F. D. Hunter.

9.28 W. H. E. Heath—J. B. Mackie.

9.32 A. L. G. Eastman—J. L. MacIntyre